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Nato rejects deal as exiles top a million

BY MICHAEL EVANS, TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE AND CHARLES BREMNER

AN OFFER from Belgrade to "Te begin a unilateral ceasefire in "TE Kosovo from 7pm last night was rejected out of hand by Nato government leaders, who claimed it was simply a * ploy to stop the airstrikes.

The sudden announcement - of a ceasefire came after a day in which Nato aircraft carried is out the largest number of - bombing sorties so far in the air campaign. The alliance also warned that the next attacks would be even bigger, piling the pressure on President Milosevic.

.-. The ceasefire announce-: ... ment was made in a joint state-... nent from the Federal Yugoday and Serbian govern-nents. It said the 400,000 ethic Albanian refugees in neighhouring countries would be alowed home.

A Ministry of Defence official said that 1.1 million out of atotal ethnic Albanian population of L8 million had now berefugees since the civil 👱 war in Kosovo began about a

Vok Draskovic, the Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister, was quoted as saying that troop levels in Kosovo would be reduced and all forces would return to their barracks before the ceasefire started. He also said Belgrade would allow some form of international involvement in enforc----ing a peace settlement but ...-there was no commitment to having foreign troops in the

> Downing Street said that Mr Draskovic, who went on Yugoslav state television to discuss the ceasefire, had "zero

The Belgrade statement also offered a "temporary agreement with Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate ethnic Albanian leader who has been under Yugoslav military "protection" since the bombing began. The temporary temporary arrangement would be the basis for a "final agreement" on Kosovo, the statement said.

A Downing Street spokes-man said: "It doesn't go nearly far enough. Milosevic knows what he has to do and this falls way short of that. Until Milosevic fulfills the conditions Nato

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and the second of the second o Bussed from Blace's makeshift camp on the Macedonian border to Skopje airport, confused Kosovans are frisked for guns, then pushed aboard charter flights bound for Turkey

set out, Nato's action will con-

A White House spokesman also dismissed the ceasefire offer as unacceptable and insisted that the bombing would carry on. The spokesman said the US was not interested in "hollow gestures". A senior Nato diplomat said the ceasefire offer was " a non-starter".

There were signs from Italy and Greece that they might lend a more sympathetic ear to the Belgrade initiative. The Italian Government said it

was reviewing the proposal.

Alliance officials said there was no sign of a crack in the unity which the 19 Nato states had maintained since the air offensive began on March 24. Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, said: "We are going to carry on as long as it takes."
Nato officials also poured

scorn on Belgrade's offer to have Mr Rugova negotiate a peace accord. He was not a free agent and was living with his family in Pristina under house arrest, the alliance offi-

Even a member of the Government in Montenegro, the Yugoslav republic, reacted with scepticism to the ceasefire. Dragisa Burzan, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, said the offer was "totally unrealistic".

Emphasising that he was speaking in a personal capacity, he said: "I do not under-Continued on Page 4, col 6

Families are divided and deported

NO ONE would tell seven-year-old Ardita Berisha why she was being forced out of a country at gunpoint for the second time in a week. She kept asking where they were going as an armed policeman shoved her into an airport bus, deporting the Berishas and 1.500 other confused refugees

to Turkey yesterday. Rabia, her mother, began to cry and asked a security guard how her husband was meant to find them as he was stranded somewhere in Kosovo. The guard, his face partially covered by a surgical mask, shouted at her to do as she was told.

The Macedonian Government calls this a humanitarian airlift. But United Nations chiefs threatened to withdraw its funding unless the forced expulsions were stopped and the Government ceases to split families. UN chiefs insisted that officials must register all those leaving Macedonia and the Red Cross condemned the flights because people had no

idea they were going.

By last night more than 3.500 refugees had been expelled. They were given no choice about going and there was no attempt to record the names of those forced on to planes at Skopje airport.

Daniel McGrory watches as refugees are forced to

Just before riot police unloaded this bewildered human cargo driven straight from the squalor of the frontier crossing

at Blace yesterday, an airport official said: "Don't tell them where they are going or they will try to make a run for it." Tired and covered in mud. Rabia Berisha clutched the youngest of her five children, il-month-old Alma, as Mace-donian officials pushed and prodded her family towards the first of 14 chartered planes on the tarmac. No one asked to see any family documents just as well as the Serbs took

them seven days ago when forcing the Berishas from their Pristina hiding place. Nobody had bothered to register their names when they were pulled out of a muddy border field yesterday morning so this family never officially existed in Macedonia despite having been stranded here for ten days. Her handicapped son Durim, five, was

cradled in the arms of her

fly out to uncertain future Photograph: Simon Walker

nephew, Fathum, 18, who has

also been separated from his father. "Will you tell him where I'm going," he pleaded with the security guard frisking him.

Told by The Times that he was to be flown to Turkey.

"Tell them I want to stay here, as close to Kosovo as possible, to wait for my family," he shouted. Like others who tried to protest, he was ignored. He begged to be allowed to leave his name with an official, asking for it to be passed to the Red Cross. There were no Red Cross or UN officials at the airport although they had been told this deportation

Fatium looked panie-stricken.

was under way. One man shouted: "At least the Nazis kept a record of those they took away. Who will know if I m alive or dead. The Serbs have destroyed my records and now the Macedo-nians pretend I don't exist. A punch in the back silenced fur-

were being searched, a securi-ty guard said: "We are looking angrily: "Why are you concentrating on such peripheral issues? This is unimportant. Macedonia is the only inno-

cent victim in this war. Next

for guns." Isak Zigoli held up his arms so he could be frisked. He is 72. "I would have stayed in Kosovo and died there if I had known what would happen to me," he said as the guard grabbed the neck of his jumper to stop him talk-ing to reporters. "I don't think

l will see my sons again." Behind came another elderly couple who clung to each other, whispering reassurances, as they were swallowed up

in the overcrowded bus. A succession of aid flights dropped into Skopje and Nato troops bustled around helping to unload tents from Switzerland, ration packs from Germany and water pipes from France. It all piled up on the tarmac with customs officials in no hurry to release it. The Israelis arrived with a field hospital and about 70 troops, who watched uncomfortably as Kosovan refugees were

marched past them. After meeting UN officials, Ljubco Georgievski, the Mace-donian Prime Minister, insisted that the refugees had been told that they were being flown to Turkey.

Asked if he would continue

⁶At least the **Nazis** kept a record of those they took away. Who will know if I am alive or dead? 7

– a refugee leaving for Turkey yesterday

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Royal wedding is not so Posh

AND MICHAEL HARVEY

PALACE officials may hope that the June wedding of Edward and Sophie will be the social event of the year, but they are in danger of being thoroughly upstaged by Posh and

The Queen's youngest son weds his beloved Sophie Rhys-Jones at St George's Chapel, Windsor, on June 19. David Beckham of Manchester United marries Victoria Adams, the artist also known as Posh Spice, on July 4, probably in Ireland. Of the two, the latter is raising media blood pressure more than the former. It emerged yesterday that

even Prince Edward's wish to

have his ceremony filmed by

own television company.



vetoed by Buckingham Palace. At the same time OK! magazine has done a El million deal to secure exclusive access to the ceremony uniting football-

er and singer. Martin Townsend, Editor of OK!, believes his million is money well spent "It is going

royal wedding is of course always important, but Edward and Sophie have played it down so much that people simply aren't as interested as they are in Posh Spice and Beck-

Prince Edward, 34, has expressed a wish that his wedding should be much lowerkey than those of his brothers, with 500 guests, and a few members of the public looking on from the Windsor Castle precincts. Beckham, 24, and dams, 23, will have an expected 500 guests, but they are showing no inhibitions about

keeping it quiet. Fashion designers will be scouring every detail of the two bridal dresses, but the greater interest will be in that of Posh. Sandy Boler, editor of Brides magazine. said: "Posh

and the glitz. Her dress will be more important in terms of fashion, and will be much more of the moment. In a way, she is the bride of the Millennium - a modern bride with a son marrying in a hugely romantic wedding."

Both couples will have their own coats of arms adorning their respective wedding invitations. Prince Edward's are deeply traditional. Beckham and Adams have come up with a design involving a swan, a crown and the motto: "Love, Friendship."

William Hunt, Portcullis Pursuivant at the College of Arms, struck a blow for old-fashioned tradition when he was shown the new crest: "The swan is facing the wrong way, and that is very bad as it is basically showing its bottom

Lockerbie charges

One by one, all 270 names of the Lockerbie bomb victims were read out yesterday to the two Libyans suspected of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103. On their first full day in Scottish custody Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamine Khalifa Fhirneh sat for two hours as Dumfries and Galloway police read out the detailed warrant outlining all the charges against them.....Page 10

Stocks soar to a record

The stock market surged to a record high bolstered by a flood of last minute PEP investments and hopes of another interest rate cut. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed up 85.3 at 6415.3, having earli-



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Russian viewers finally see case for Nato

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN Moscow

NTV, Russia's most independent television station. has shocked viewers this week with its coverage of the "ethnic cleansing" by the Serbs in Kosovo. Its recent reports from the region are the first public admission that the Serbs. so vociferously supported in Russia, may have provoked Nato's bombing cam-

paign. Konstantin Borovoi, a Duma deputy who is in favour of the Nato strikes. ended his five-day hunger strike yesterday when radio and television stations finally allowed him to air his anti-Serb views. He refused all food from April I in protest at what he considered in be biased media

coverage. "The pro-Serb propaganda campaign has been executed in the old Soviet way," Mr Borovoi said, "Primakov is not just the Prime Minister, but the leader of a political group with the conscience of the KGB." He complained that the pro-Nato demonstration he and his followers had planned had been

Only after the groundbreaking coverage by NTV did other radio and tele-vision stations follow suit, admining that their reports were subject to Serbian military censorship. Novava Gazeta ran a commentary by Andrei Piontovsky of the Centre for Strategic Studies suggesting that blind support for the Serbs may be misguided.

Yevgeni Kiselyov, presenier of NTV's weekly news programme Itogi. acknowledged that his influennal change in stance was in large part related to domestic issues. "I understand that anti-Nato, anti-Western, anti-American hysteria could lead to a situation when we would have restored Communist Party rule," Mr Kiselyov told the Moscow Times.

Vladimir Kulistikov. NTV's chief news editor. coverage to the fact that Pavel Lobkov, Russia's answer to John Simpson of the BBC, had got into Macedonia and interviewed refugees. Mr Borovoi said he was delighted the niedia had come to their senses.





US war crimes expert says testimonies show Serbs are carrying out ethnic cleansing policy, Philip Webster writes

WAR crimes and genocide are being committed in Kosovo on a massive scale as Serbs systematically kill or force out the Albanians in Kosovo, according to a graphic account by America's special ambassador on war crimes.

Across the country families are being given five minutes to pick up what they can and clear out of their homes forever. If they refuse, they are shot or burnt, David Scheffer said.

He has concluded that Serb actions in Kosovo amount to "evil" and said that Serb commanders on the ground should understand that they would be pursued for the crimes they are committing. Mr Scheffer, who reports to

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, spent two days at Brace, on the Kosovo-Macedonia, border last week interviewing refugees. Without disclosing his iden-

tity, Mr Scheffer spoke to about 200 refugees during 16 hours of interviews assisted by an interpreter. In an interview with The Times, he said there was a "remarkable consistency" in the accounts and the pattern of Serb behaviour.

Serb police and paramilitaries entered towns and villages and moved neighbour-hood by neighbourhood to car-

ry out "ethnic cleansing".

They do this by approaching each home with Kosovo Albanians in them. They do not touch those with Serbs in hey harge through the doors and give residents five minutes to clear out forever. he said. "When the Kosovans are scrambling to pick up anything they can find, food and warm clothing, the police and military 'shake them down' for cash and jewellery.

"Once they are out, the

homes are torched - unless the house is a nice or comfortable one, in which case sometimes it is occupied by the military. Those who resist are killed. They are either shot in the home or left inside to burn to death when the house is torched.

Witnesses told me that there was no discrimination. Elderly ladies are killed or burnt in the same way as young men. No particular sector of society is safe. I heard this account so many times from so many people that it is clearly premeditated and planned. The same pattern seems to be emerging every-Mr Scheffer said that the ref-

ugees were then marched onto buses or to Pristina train station. As they moved out of their towns and villages, the Serbs who have been their neighbours stand on the side of the road applauding their departure. Some refugees said that during the night-time assaults on their homes the soldiers were joined by local

Mr Scheffer said that all the refugees that he had interviewed wanted to return to Kosovo, but most of them wondered whether they could ever again live side-by-side with Serb neighbours who had helped with their eviction.

The ambassador said that another common tactic was that the forced marches were hy sniners Any. one deviating from the straight marching line would be picked off. "This is a very common tactic to discipline and intimidate the ethnic cleansing process," he said.

Another common approach of the Serbs was to force the refugees to drop all the food and



clothing they had picked up before rushing out of their homes, "It is deliberate. When they crowd on to the train platform at Pristina, they do not have any belongings. They arrive at the Macedonia bor-der destitute, hungry and

Mr Scheffer said that this deprivation of basic needs was one more war crime that could be added to the charge sheet being assembled against the Serb leadership and its men.

deliberate withdrawal of medical care for the Kosovo Albanians. "The hospital in Pristina has been evacuated. I was told that paralysed Albanians had been left in the hospital and one person told me . . . that they had been shot." Finally, Mr Scheffer said.

the conditions of travelling were inhumane. There were 300 people packed into each carriage of a 21-car train. "I watched a train arrive in Brace. It was an amazing sight. As it stopped people flowed out like a tidal wave."

ring in Kosovo. Intent is a criti-cal element of the law of genocide. When you look at the facts on the ground, you see clear indicators of intent," he said. "These are massive crimes against humanity."

Elderly ladies are killed in the same way as young men?

Mr Scheffer, who has just reported to Mrs Albright, concluded that ethnic cleansing. war crimes and crimes against humanity were occurring on a

large scale.
"What is happening is so systematic, so well planned in its execution, that there are clear ☐ Skopje: The latest refugees forced from their homes in Pristina brought new evidence yesterday of how the Serbs are carefully organising the complete ethnic cleansing of Kosovo's capital (Daniel Mc-

Grory writes). Paramilitary gunmen are

homes and businesses by Serbs. Zoge Idrizi, a 28-year-old computer programmer, de-scribed how masked men worked their way along the street of apartment blocks where she lived in the suburb

an families are evicted and

immediately replaced in their

of Ulciana. homes were occupied by Alba- ground near Teslic. (AFP)

An OSCE monitor said: "They have Serb families assigned to Albanian properties before the occupants are out. This is to make sure those evicted can never return."

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SUMMARY

US Cuba base for refugees del'

Washington: America is to house 20.000 ethnic Albanian refugees in the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, which the United States considers as its territory lBen Macin-tyre writes). The base, former-ly used to house Hainan and Cuban refugees, would be ready to receive Albanians driven out of Kosovo in a few days. US officials said.

But a Cuban government of. ficial strongly criticised the plan. 'The American aggressors in Yugoslavia have no right to bring these people in Cuba," said Raul Taladrid. 'The refugee problem is a European problem."

Washington is also considering Guam as a potential site to harbour the refugees.

British appeal

Thousands of people immdated charity hotlines last night in donate to an appeal by 12 British aid agencies to help the Kosovan refugees. The appeal was launched on BBC TV by Jill Dando, the presenter, and on ITV by Juliet Stevenson, the actress. It is being coordinated by the Disasters' Emergency

Sharon warning

Jerusalem: The Israeli Foreign Minister, Ariel Sharon, warned the West that Islamic states could form a greater Albanian bloc that would spread unrest throughout Europe. He told Israel Radio: "We can certainly see here a focus of activity that would cause unrest."

Australia haven

Sydney: Australia has decided to allow 4,000 Kosovan refugees into the country on a tenporary basis, after being criticised for not pulling its weight in the Balkans crisis (Roger Maynard writes). The aboutturn came after mounting pressure from ethnic communices

Nato escape

Sarajevo: A rocket-propelled grenade missed a patrolling Nato UH60 Black Hawk helicopter over Serb-run territory in northern Bosnia. Its crew saw an object in front of them They knew exactly which after seeing a flash on the

Border killing

Athens: Greek border guards shot and killed an ethnic Albanian woman who was among four people trying to cross into the country from Macedonia Police said they had ignored warnings to stop. (Reuters)

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US lulled by Hollywood myth of bloodless war

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

AN AMERICAN soldier is trapped in the combat zone, battling a versatile enemy in hostile terrain: that familiar scenario, repeated in countless Hollywood films from Rnmbo to Saving Private Ryan, is inching closer to reality in Kosovo as pressure grows to use US ground troops.

A poll published yesterday in The

Washington Post showed public opinion shifting dramatically in favour of ground forces going in, with 55 per cent saying they would support a policy change. Just a week ago, barely 40 per cent favoured using US infantry.

Foreign policy experts, politicians and retired soldiers, too, have joined a swelling chorus calling for ground troops, while unnamed military officials have begun popping up in numbers to claim that they had told the Administration from the outset that combat troops would be necessary.



American hero Tom Hanks, right, in Saving Private Ryan

America, confronting the reality that Serb forces will not be stopped with cruise missiles alone, has sent Anache helicopter gunships to strike President Milosevic's army — a decision that has been interpreted as a step closer to sending in troops. The Apaches, supported by 2,000 soldiers, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and

mulople rocket launchers, may not technically fit the definition of ground forces, but they are specifically designed to hit troops on the ground or, to use the Pentagon's tag-line of the week, to get "up close and personal" with the enemy.

The decision to use the Apaches has raised further questions about

where air combat ends and ground engagement begins. A recent cartoon showed President Clinton filling the Kosovo sky with paratroopers and helicopters, while observing: "Of course it depends what you mean by ground troops."

Yet the US remains deeply wary of

sending such forces across Kosovo's borders, knowing that the first bodybag will send support for action spiralling downwards. The wave of panic that swept the Pentagon and White House during the hours that rescue troops scrambled to retrieve a single downed pilot is an illustration of sensitivity to possible military losses.

Here, too. Hollywood has played its part, propagating the myth that war can be fought with minimal casualties. Rare is the movie that shows the embattled soldier-hero dying behind enemy lines; Rambo gets away; Private Ryan was, after all, saved. The same unreal approach is reflected in the polls, which show that more

than 80 per cent of Americans believe the US should send a snatch team to rescue the three soldiers held by Belgrade.

The story of Scott O'Grady, the US pilot shot down over Bosnia and then rescued, was the subject of a bidding war for film rights, but the equally true story of the US soldiers beaten to death by a mob in Somalia, was not.

In its determination to show that Kosovo will not be another Vietnam. America has oversold the potential of air power, raising impossibly high expectations of success and low expectation of casualties. US officials continue to insist, although less and less empharically, that there is "no intenrion" to use ground troops.

Aerial bombardment allows President Clinton to keep control of the script, restricting bloodletting. A ground war, however, would turn this war from American family viewing into a gory epic, with no guaran-tee of that Hollywood happy ending.

FATE OF KOSOVO REFUGEES

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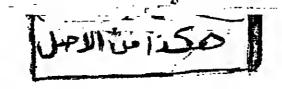
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By MICHAEL EVANS

THE American decision to deploy the Gulf War-proven Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) in Albania to strike at Yugoslav military facilities will significantly increase the firepower available to Nato commanders.

One of the weapons that caused such destruction in the Gulf War. the MLRS is an "area weapon system", using powerful rockets to distribute hundreds of high-explosive bomblets within the chosen target location.

There are two versions of the MLRS, the standard one, which has two six-ood launchers firing a total of 12 rockets. each containing 644 bomblets known as "dual-purpose improved conventional muni-tions"; and a later version armed with two Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATAC-MS), each one firing 950 tennis ball-sized anti-personnel and anti-material bomblets.

General Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of the Defence Staff, indicated earlier this week that the Americans would be sending the ATAC-MS version because it had a range of about 100 miles, puting much of Kosovo with-in its sights.

Christopher Foss, the editor of Jane's Armour and Artilley, said that the standard MLRS had a range of only about 20 miles, which would limit its scope for strikes into

The standard version is used against "soft targets". such as troops and light vehi-cles, but the MLRS being sent



targets a range of military facilities including surface-toair missiles, air defence sites, command and control net-

works and logistics centres. When the standard MLRS nade its debut in the Gulf War, deployed by both the US Army and British Army, it was claimed that each of the 12 individual rockets could

devastate an area the size of a football pitch.

The MLRS with the more powerful and longer-range ATACMS rockets can do similar damage but over an area twice the size.

There is nothing in the Yugoslav Army's inventory that can match such a powerful The ATACMS version was

rushed into service for the Gulf War but, according to Mr Foss, only 32 were fired out of a total of 105 sent to the

The MLRS is a highly mo-bile weapon system. The crew manning it engages in what is called shoot-and-scoot tactics. Once the rockets have been fired, the MLRS is moved rap-

the enemy can pinpoint its position and return fire. It also has excellent cross-country ability and has a road speed of up to 40mph.

Nicknamed "steel rain", the MLRS has a computerised fire control system that enables the three-man crew, or even a single soldier, to load and unload the launcher.

tions to the crew and checks the condition of the missiles prior to launch. A command post transmits the selected target data directly to the MLRS launcher's computer. When activated, the computer aims the launcher and prompts the crew to arm and fire a preselected number of rounds.

The only problem with the MLRS, Mr Foss said, was

that the bomblets did not have self-destruct fuses. This meant that there was a real risk that those bomblets that failed to detonate would lie around, posing a potential bazard for civilians or for allied troops passing through at some future date if a peace implementation force was sent to

Manufactured in America

Lockheed Martin, MLRS is in service with 13 other countries, apart from the United States and Britain. They include Turkey, Greece, Bahrain, Denmark, Japan and South Korea.

A more advanced version. which is not yet in service, will be guided by the satellite-linked Global Positioning

Long haul' risks wrong outcome

THE stage in Nato's air campaign has been reached when it is legitimate to ask: how much longer can 1.1 million ethnic Albanians have Operation Allied Force continue? Will another week or ten days of intensive bombing enable the alliance to fulfil its objectives or are the political warnings of a "long hauf" going to commit Nato to a campaign lasting months? George Robertson, the Defence

Secretary, was adamant yesterday that the bombing would go on until President Milosevic had agreed to allow all the ethnic Albanian refugees back to their villages to rebuild their homes under the protection of an international force.

On that basis, even if the first objective is met, which is to force Mr Milosevic to stop the "ethnic deansing" in Kosovo and to withdraw all his forces, the bombing

will carry on regardless. This determination to see it through to the bitter end is clearly intended to send a message to Mr Milosevic that when he comes up with a new "peace" deal, like vesterday's ceasefire offer, it will make no difference to Operation Allied Force unless he agrees to reverse all the damage he has done to the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

The sentiments are understand-

able, but since the Ministry of Defence announced yesterday that now been forced out of their homes in the 12 months since the conflic began - a large proportion of them driven out of Kosovo itself - it is becoming increasingly clear that this objective is going to be the most difficult to meet, perhaps beyond

If Mr Milosevic's nerve holds up for another few weeks, Nato has to face up to the reality that its bombers will destroy what was already a weak Yugoslav economy, that they will damage the country's infrastructure, possibly beyond repair unlike Iraq, Yugoslavia is not blessed with oil revenues - and that they will help to create a country in Europe which will be a seething cauldron of hatred towards the West for decades.

This is not a happy prospect for the beginning of the new millenn-ium, nor is it a happy prospect for the alliance which had hoped to be seen as the world's guarantor of peace and stability, the godfather of crisis management, a force for

Instead. Nato is finishing off the 20th century with an awesome air war against a leader who has re-



What happens if the allies extend the bombing to destroy Yugoslavia's infrastructure which, unlike Iraq's, is not supported by oil revenue? Michael Evans, Defence Editor, reports on the dilemma confronting Britain and the US

vived all the horrific images of the worst excesses of the Nazis in the Second World War.

Achieving the right balance in the level of force to be used against Mr Miloscvic will be a difficult choice. American officials, before the US-led six-week coalition air campaign in the 1991 Gulf War, talked of bombing Iraq back to the Middle Ages. It was an imprudent remark, wisely ignored by the politi-cal leaders who realised that a totaly destroyed Iraq would create a langerous vacuum in the region.

Similarly, the total elimination of Yugoslavia's infrastructure, with the destruction of every strategic bridge, oil refinery, power station, rail link and main road, would undermine whatever stability is left in the country once the crisis is over. This is why Nato must be pray-

ing that ten more days will be enough to meet those daily repeated objectives. For bombing on the current scale, assuming the weather remains clear, will cause unbelievable damage in every corner of Yugoslavia if it has to continue

for weeks on end. Mr Robertson said yesterday that the airstrikes were "proportionare". While the "ethnic cleansing", rapes and murders continue in Kosovo, there are few, except obviously Mr Milosevic in his secure bunker in Belgrade and the airstrike opponents in Moscow, who would dis-

However, if it is to be a long-haul bombing campaign - months, not weeks — waged in isolation, with-out the prospect of a land force be-ing sent in to finish off the job in Ko-sovo, the wholesale destruction could begin to look disproportionate, even though, building for building, the Yugoslav military and paramilitary forces have caused more damage to properties in Kosovo, laying waste whole villages, than

Nato has throughout the whole of Yugoslavia.

In the meantime, the principal protagonists on Nato's side - President Clinton and his stalwart Defence Secretary, William Cohen, in Washington, Tony Blair, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Robertson in London - declare with increasing intensity that the bombing will go on until the job has been done.

Even if Mr Milosevic fails to back down. Nato hopes that its attacks on Yugoslav forces in Kosovo over the next ten days will reduce their capabilities and their morale to such an extent that Kosovo will become what is being called a "permissive environment", in other words an environment in which Nato troops could be inserted with minimum resistance to begin the process of returning people to their

shattered villages. What could be interpreted as pre-

liminary moves for a ground operation are under way, after the Pentagon's announcement on Monday icopters and 13 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems to Albania, to be part of a bolstered Operation Allied

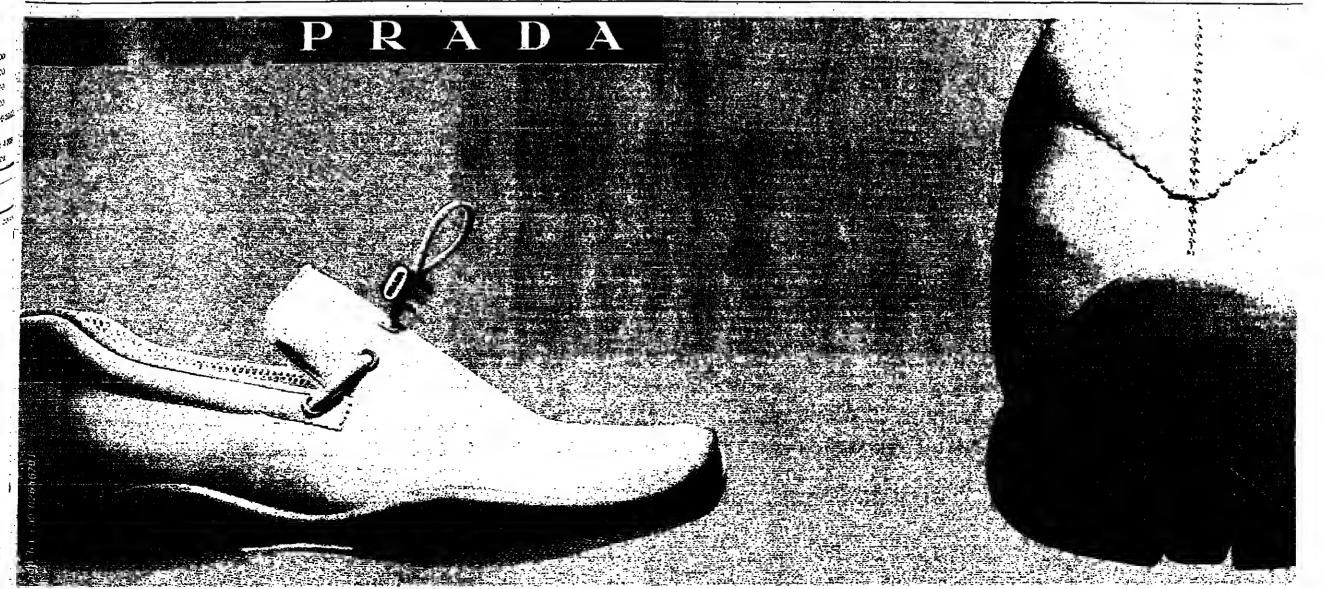
The Apaches and rocket launchers will also come with a "force protection" package consisting of 14 Bradley armoured fighting vehicles and a platoon of about ten Abrams MIAI/MIA2 main battle tanks.

So, America's heavy armour is on the way. Although its mission will be to operate from the Albanian side of the border, it will provide the beginnings of vital new assets for the alliance in the Balkans region for possible ground action at a later stage

The Dutch also announced vesterday that they were sending artillery to back up its units in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mace-

But if Nato is serious about its intention to see all the 1.1 million displaced Albanians return to their own homes in Kosovo, it will need a lot more heavy armour in place to provide the right level of protection, even in a so-called permissive





BALKANS WAR: REFUGEE CRISIS

Rebels offer to be Nato's ground force

THE Kosovo Liberation Army yesterday launched a desper-ate appeal for military aid to defend up to half a million ethnic Albanians in villages the guerrillas soll hold against the Serb onslaught and vowed to become "Nato's ground troops" in the Balkan cam-

paign.
In an interview with The Times somewhere in northern Albania, Xheladin Gashi, a member of the KLA's general staff and a regional command-er, said that his forces needed every kind of weapon.

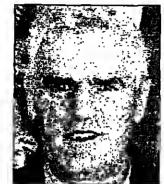
There are hundreds of thousands of civilians hiding in the mountains and in villages which we control. But they are in pockets and they could soon be overrun. We need weapons to defend them or the Serbs will overrun them," he said.

Listing a group of villages mostly in the west of Kosovo close to the border with Montenegro and Albania, he insisted that time was running out for his fighters who might soon be forced to retreat and leave the civilian population to the mercy of Serbs.

"We can protect our people ourselves. We now have more volunteers from all over KosSam Kiley hears an urgent plea

by guerrilla leader for anti-tank guns

ovo. Albania, western Europe and America, than we have weapons. We really need to have ano-tank guns. At the moment our men are trying to light tanks with rifles," Mr



Gashi: confronting Serb tanks armed with rifles

Army officer who has been high on the wanted list of the Serb secret police, said. "If they have to retreat, they can carry on a guerrilla war, but the civilians will be slaugh-

Nato members have been struggling with how to defend Kosovo's diminishing population of Albanians against Serb attacks without committing large numbers of ground troops to what would be a bloody campaign. They have been equally reluctant to arm or train the KLA for fear that this would imply a tacit recog-nioon of the guerrilla move-ment's demands for independence from Yugoslavia.

There has been some acceptance that few Kosovo Albanians would ever return home to a country with any kind of a formal tie to Belgrade. But there remains the problem that the KLA has been divided and, since the Serbian attacks, its command structure has been almost shattered.

If the KLA were given weapons, the guerrillas would need close supervision to prevent the guns being turned on Kosovo's Serb minority.



Hugging a child, an Albanian weeps on a refugee bus at Petrovec Airport, Macedonia. The refugees were herded onto a flight to Turkey despite leaving relatives behind

Turkey greets 1,200 exiles with hot meal

FROM REUTERS IN KIRKLARELL TURKEY

ugees settled yesterday in pre-fabricated huts in western Turkey after being airlifted out of neighbouring Macedonia.
Officials said 1,200 people

had been admitted to the camp in screne Balkan countryside near Kirklareli, close to Turkey's border with Bulgaria. Two more busloads of refugees stood outside the camp waiting to be processed.

But inside the barbed-wire perimeter children played and women hung out washing among the huts that were once home to a previous influx of refugees from Bosnia.

"Everybody here has been separated from their families. Macedonian police let only women and children on the planes," said Leke Zogaj, t8. who said he had spent three days without food and water in the no-man's-land between Kosovo and Macedonia. "I was only allowed to come because I was ill."

The first of the Kosovo Albanians to be airlifted out of Macedonia arrived late on Monday in Torkey, reeking and unwashed, and were transferred on buses to the nearby camp. One elderly woman carried off the plane died in a local hospital.

all refugees received a hot

MORE than 1.000 Kosovo ref- meal as soon as they arrived at the camp. Many more of the thousands stranded in the fields on the edges of Macedorua are expected to arrive in

Turkey in the coming days.

"The army is taking care of their food needs and is in the process of putting up tents nearby," the Governor, Kemal Onal, said. Four lorries stacked with mattresses and vegetables drew up outside

Turkey has pledged to accommodate up to 20,000 of those who have fled Kosovo for neighbouring Balkan countries. Turks feel deep his torical and religious ties with the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosovo and the province's small Turkish minority result ing from 500 years of Ottoman rule of the Balkans.

Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, said Nato would ensure that the refugees eventually returned. "We don't want to see a Kosovo cleansed of Kosovans."

Turkey's Red Crescent sent 13 lorries loaded with 64 tonnes of food, medicine and lents from Ankara yesterday bound for Albania. Another eight trucks were to be sent from Istanbul. It has contributed aircraft to the Nato ground troops if called upon.

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UN issues emergency identity documents

THE plight of Kosovo refu-gees who have been stripped of their papers is being eased by the issuing of temporary documents that certify their identides, the United Nations relief operation said yesterday.

Officials from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees are supplying provisional papers on the spot to all deportees robbed of their documents by Serbian forces before being allowed to cross the fronder.

"Taking away identity papers and ripping off car licence plates is as much a waste of time as barbaric. You cannot deprive people of their identity by just taking away spokesman in Geneva, "The simple statement of identity is being treated with the same weight as the actual papers."

The biggest problem con-cerned a small number of unaccompanied children who were too young to know their names, said the UN. Officials were seeking friends and relatives to trace their identices.

Measures are being taken to stop Serbs from stripping refugees of their past, writes Charles Bremner in Brussels

Nato and allied govern-ments have accused the Serbians of waging an "Orwelli-an" campaign to deprive refugees of their culture and past by removing all documents and blowing up municipal archives in Kosovo to destroy title deeds, land registry papers

and marriage records. Nato reported yesterday being forced to sign away their property rights in exchange for a train ticket to oblivion". The practice was now well documented and would add to evidence being gathered for the prosecution of Serbian officials for war crimes, said Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman. Stripping people of their category and those responsible would eventually be punished, said Mr Shea. The possession of papers

had no bearing on the selec-tion of refugees being evacuated from the region to other countries, said the UN. The international relief operation was now insisting that all evacuation flights left with displaced Kosovans could be traced. The UNHCR said it

was concerned that the majori-

ty of the 1.360 Kosovans who

were flown to Turkey on Mon-

day had not been properly registered before they left. "A special UNHCR team is en route to Skopje to handle future refugee registration." the



Contined from Page 1 stand this proposal. Nato would never consider such an offer and Belgrade must have

known this." It was the second offer from Belgrade, following the abort-ed peace mission of Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister. The first offer, of a partial withdrawal of Yugoslav troops from Kosovo, was

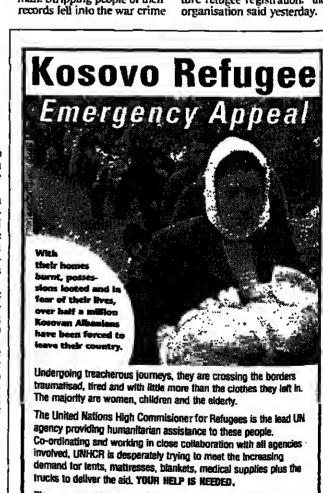
also dismissed by Nato. The move by Mr Milosevic last night was seen as the latest evidence that the bombing campaign was beginning to have a significant impact on the Yugoslav leadership. The timing of the announcement was also being linked in Nato capitals to the fact that Mr Milosevic was now approaching the completion of his ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said Mr Mi-losevic knew that Nato could not stop its bombing until all his troops had left Kosovo, refugees were allowed home and there was an international force under Nato command to guarantee the peace.

Milan Komnenic, the Yugoslav Information Minister. told French television that he was not surprised by the rejec-tion of what he called a good-

will gesture. The determined mood of the alliance to ignore the offer was given added emphasis after a day in which Nato bombers were thought to have achieved successes against Yugoslav troops and armour in Kosovo.

There was also one fatal bombing raid which ended in the deaths of 12 civilians and a wounded 28 more in the mining town Aleksinac. Nato admitted that it may have dropped a bomb in error on a block of flar :-



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Air raids scar city of culture on the Danube

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

NOVI SAD, once known as the Athens of Serbia, has become one of Nato's major targets in its air war against President Milosevic. Yet. as I recall it, there was little of military significance in or around this rambling city, bursting with pubs and full of Hungarians, Slovaks and Romanians drinking coffee in the Viennese

rather than Belgrade manner. It was the early 1990s and I was researching a profile of Monica Seles, the tennis player a Novi Sader of Hungarian origin, and it was plain that the Danube city's military tradition had ended in 1849. Then, the garrison at Petrovaradin, the fortress high above the grey Danube, was under Austrian control but went over to Hungarian rebels under Kossuth. From the fortress they bombarded Croat troops. Two thirds of the city's buildings were destroyed. Some months later, in 1850, a German traveller remarked on "the magnitude of the disaster which has befallen the most admired and well-to-do town".

Now the city is under bornbardment again. On Monday night it was the oil refinery; a few days earlier it was the bridge across the Danube, River traffic is blocked. Nato officials say the bombing of the bridge demonstrated the pinpoint accuracy of Allied weaponry since nearby housing blocks were untouched.

Yet phone calls to friends in the city paint a different picture, neither as grim as Serbian television propaganda portrays it nor exactly a Goya study of misery. But a sense of resentment pervades the city because, despite trying to keep its distance from Belgrade and from Mr Milosevic, it had been punished so thoroughly. Telephone links are now erratic, electricity flickers on and off for an hour or two.

Novi Sad, which means New Orchard, was the capital of the semi-autonomous region of Vojvodina. Mr Milosevic revoked that autonomy as surely as he ended the rights of the Kosovo Albanians. There was less at stake here for the dictator than in Kosovo, but Novi Sad was seen. nonetheless, as the cradle of the cultural and political rebirth of the third nation. It was from Novi Sad that the Serbs petitioned for their national



RAF HARRIER pilots used cluster-bombs for the first time against Serbia yesterday, hitting a variety of mobile targets in Kosovo in a daylight blitz hours after scoring "good hits" on a missile store with laser-guided bombs in a separate night raid near Pristina.

The officer commanding No l Fighter Squadron gave a thumbs-up sign from his cockpit to reporters watching by the runway as he taxied back to the hangars at the Gioia del Colle base in southern Italy after the operation. The wings of his fighter-bomber were carrying only two of the four distinctive green and white cluster-bomb canisters that were slung beneath them when he took off at the head of ten Hartiers nearly two hours earlier.

"A few of the pilots that I have spoken to were confident that they hit the targets," said Group Captain Ian Travers Smith, an RAF spokesman. They think they have taken out mobile or moving targets. The weapons they were using were RBL755 cluster-bomb units designed for anti-armour and anti-vehicle type targets primarily. There were a variety of targets hit in

Each cluster-bomb canister contains 147 bomblets the size of a beer can that are released when the bombs are dropped. Typically they form a sausage-like pattern that the pilots try to make overlap to cover a large rectangular area with what can be a "devastating" effect on tanks or other armoured vehicles such as those attacking villages in Kosovo, the spokesman said.



at successful

mission, writes **John Phillips** in Gioia del Colle

The RAF did not immediately say how many bombs were dropped, but reporters counted 20 canisters on five aircraft that took off, but counted only four when they

In the early hours of yesterday, the flyers returned from a separate mission during which they dropped laser-guided I,000lb Paveway II bombs not far from Pristina in a joint operation with RAF Tornados from Bruggen, Germany. The Harriers scored "good hits" against a building believed to contain stores of surface-to-air missiles, Wing Commander Graham Wright, the detachment commander

The attacks ended a frustrating eight-day period during which the Harriers had been unable to drop bombs, first because of low cloud and then because no mobile targets

could be found. "People were over the moon because we had done something productive," Wing Commander Wright said. "It is a huge rush when you see that these things work. There was a release of tension. It is like when a goal is scored in football and you think 'Yes'. There was some good banter going

The previous build-up of frustration was underlined by a poster stuck up on the operations hut used by RAF ground staff working on the Harriers. It was a cover of Private Eye magazine lampooning "Win-stony Blair". "Never have so few bombs been dropped on so many," it quoted him saying. 'We will not fight them on the beaches, we will not fight them on the hills, we will not fight them oo the streets.

They will never surrender." After the raids the mood was different. "The pilots are professionals who got the results that they were seeking," Group Captain Travers Smith said. "Today they believe they



Air raids on Novi Sad, which has no military targets, have pushed the people of this anti-Milosevic city with its fine buildings closer to Belgrade

Mr Milosevic came to power in 1988 his first move was to engineer, with the help of mass nationalist rallies that were later staged in Kosovo. the ouster of the local Voivodina leadership. The non-Serbs have never learn! to love Mr

Novi Sad was always more

than a Serbian city. In modern

Yugoslavia five languages had

official status in the city - Ser-

bian, Hungarian, Slovak, Ro-

manian and Ruthenian. When

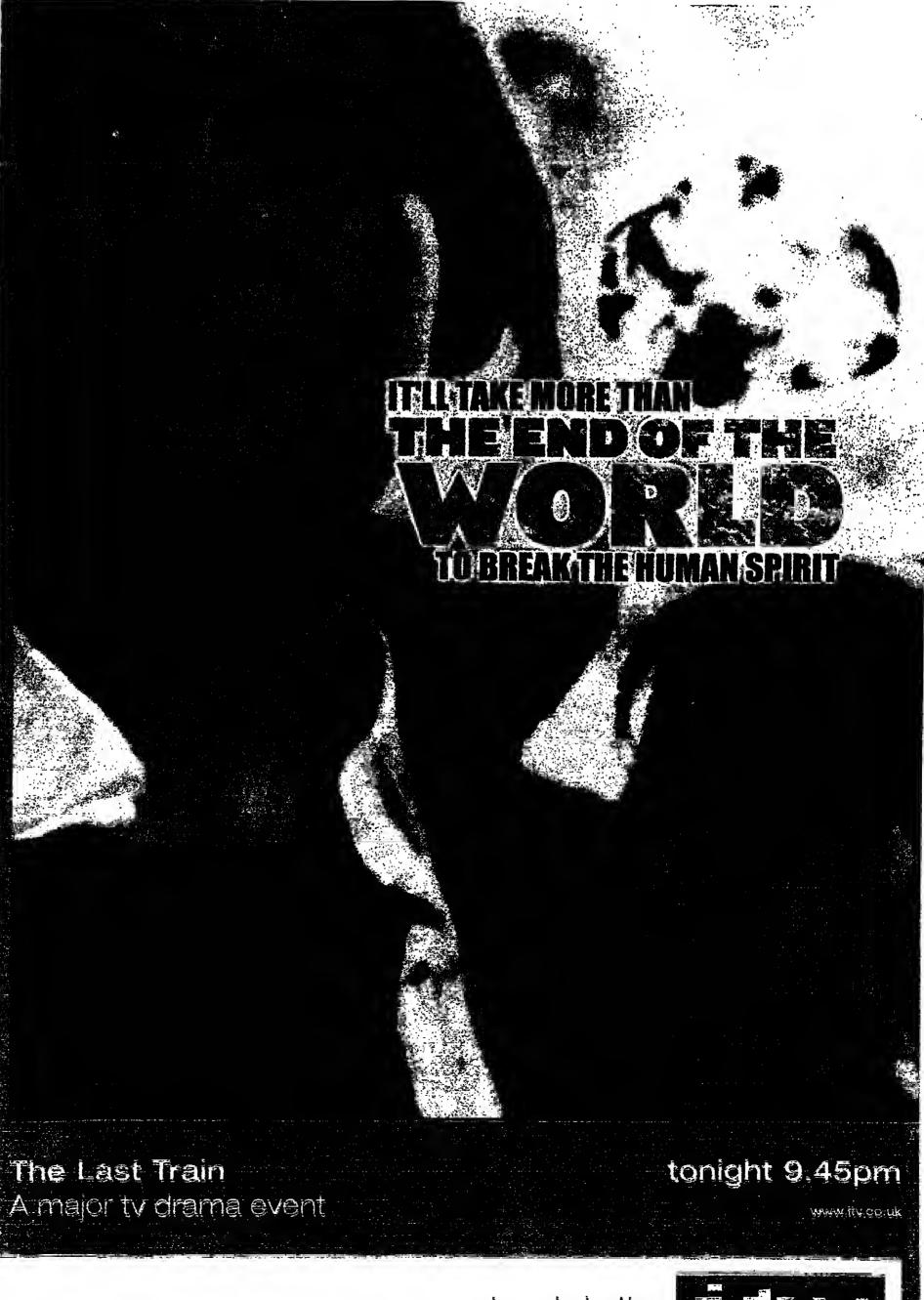
Milosevic or his attempt to turn the last corner of Balkan Central Europe into the first building-block of his plan for a greater Serbia.

The splintering of rump Yu-goslavia, and with it the end of the dream of greater Serbia, is

the necessary ingredient for Mr Milosevic's political demise. Yet the destruction of "military" targets in this proud, tree-lined city is, as could have been predicted, pushing Vojvodina closer to

When I called friends on Easter Monday, the air-raid sirens had just sounded but they knew there was no point in rushing to the cellars since the destruction of radar sys-tems had given them insufficient notice. To them, the end-

ing of an old poem about Novi Sad musi read less true: "The glorious town, it lies by hill and valley. The bridge divides the Danube, boats float down." And now? No bridge, no







BALKANS WAR: THE AIR CAMPAIGN

'Surgical strike' kills 12 civilians

A SIMPLE MAN, a good labourer, husband and father. Dragan Miladinovic had earned little, but he had won the respect of all who knew

On Monday night the 67-year-old was killed by Nato, with his wife and daughter, as his neighbourhood was flattened by what Brussels calls precision bombing. "He was mincemeat, there was nothing much left of him." said Dragan's closest friend. Vlada Smjilkovic, yesterday, as he stared in disbelief at the pile of rubble next to his own partially collapsed house."We built them together," he added in a monotone, still anaestherised by shock.

Apart from the Miladinovics, nine others died and 28 were injured in the southern Serbian town of Aleksinac on Monday night, as Nato jets Tom Walker in Aleksinac sees Nato's innocent bomb victims

thundered overhead, dropping a line of bombs that destroyed two areas of homes and an ice-cream factory. A hospital and an old

people's home were badly damaged, and there was hardly a pane of glass left intact in the town centre. Nato did land one or two bombs in and around a dilapidated barracks at the town's edge, although yesterday it appeared to have been largely empty.

Aleksinac is a simple place where the now disused coalmine never provided enough



An injured Serb woman comforts her son as they lie in hospital beds at Aleksinac yesterday after Nato bombs destroyed a number of houses in the southern Serbian town

jobs and the few factories worked only at full capacity in Tito's time. Like most Serbs. its 40,000 inhabitants have always kept one foot in their peasant farming past, surviv-ing off the land for much of the past decade. A struggle with ethnic Albanians did not mean much until Monday night, when Nato planners decided to include Aleksinac in the campaign to fracture Slobodan Milosevic's military infrastructure. After the slaughter of the innocents - most of them elderly - that followed,

Aleksinac is bemused about its place in the modern world. "They're bombing us from the air because they're cowards. Why can't they come and fight on the ground?" complained the young soldier taking us round the ruins yesterday. Around him people carried on sweeping up shards of glass, stopping only to look at the foreigners in their midst. "If I could get that Sky Television reporter. I'd hang

ting position, mouth agape. in the bomb crater at the centre of the rubble, a leg with a woollen sock on its foot prohim," ventured one bystander. truded from beneath a joist. A The first bomb had completely destroyed eight houses

in Dragkceta Milovanovica away. Looking up and around Street, one of Aleksinac's poorin a wide are beneath the est areas. When we arrived, rising sun, every building was two bodies were being lifted peeling masonry, roof tiles and glass. A few workers from the rubble, covered in blankets, and a third was made token attempts to find being driven away in a batmore survivors, but an airtered hearse. A worker de-scribed how the elderly womraid siren sent many hurrying to their cellars again. an was plucked from the bro-Kosovka Simonovic.

69-year-old woman living on ken concrete and bricks in a sitthe less destroyed side of Dragkeeta Milovanovica, said that she had been making coffee at about 9.30 on Friday evening when she heard the planes. "I bloodied torso lay a few feet went to get my uncle and the

ground was already shaling. stood in a doorway and watched the house fall apart." she said in wide-eyed terror. 'As a 13-year-old I was in the bombing in the Second World War," she added, tears muddying her dust-covered face. Everyone blames Clinton, The Nazis were bener than him - at least we knew who the enemy was. By taking my house away, they've taken my

life away too." Her daughter Mitrovka. 48. said: "We are poor people, and what little we had has gone." Among the smashed relics of their lives on the sitting room floor, a faded portrait of Tito looked towards the open sky. where once there stood a roof. Zorica Łukovic, 48, lived on the wrong side of the street. and her father, Jovan, and mother, Sofija, are both dead. A squat woman wearing black, she could barely speak. What had they done against

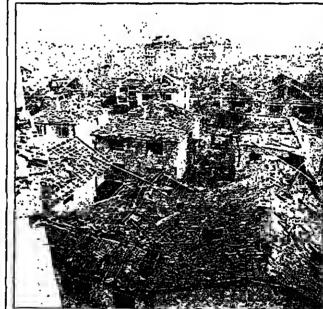
Nato?" she whispered. Emerging from an old peode's home. Vladimir Jeromin asked where the Russians were in Serbia's hour of need. What are our brothers doing. they should be fighting for us,"

he said. lifting his trouser leg to show the shrapnel wounds he received from German bombing of Belgrade in 1941 the 58th anniversary of which fell yesterday.

The Miladinovics lived a few hundred yards away, where the second bomb fell. The scene was the same - rubble, incinerated cars, split trees and collapsed telegraph poles. A doll lay amid the family's destroyed house: school books were scattered all about. A passer-by had picked up a hand-knitted tablecloth and was trying to mend its broken threads, her tears falling on to the pavement.

A woman with immaculate English, Lidia Petrovic, begged us to tell the world."I lived in London once," she said. "Do people there understand?" A cyclist stopped beside us as we prepared to leave. The shock had subsided and anger was setting in.

"I fought on the front in the Second World War and I'm ready to take a rifle in my hands again." he spat, "I'm 71 now, but tell Clinton that Petronia Milanovic is ready to beat him, the bastard."



The destruction of part of the central residential area of Aleksinac after the bombs struck early yesterday

German pilots in medal dilemma

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANS, in combat for the first time since the Second World War, face a pressing problem: how to honour the brave in a land without war heroes. Iron Crosses have been abolished - though German Tornados have a vaguely similar cross painted on their fuselages - and there is no medal to pin on the chests of

returning pilots.
"For soldiers from France,
England, Russia or America it is taken for granted that medals should be attached to uniforms." lamented Die Welt newspaper. Germany, by contrast, is wary of reviving old

military traditions. In 1980 a Good Service medal was introduced "for exem-plary conduct", and around 6,000 soldiers have won this award. In 1996 a "peacekeepng" medal was established.
Both medals have been designed to look like harmless
prefect's badges. But so far
there is nothing to reward combat valour because Ger-

mans have not been involved in armed conflict since 1945. keviving me Iron Cross would be controversial, especially for a Social Democrat-controlled Defence Ministry. The Iron Cross, established by King Frederick William III of Prussia in 1813, had three classes - Iron Cross (second class), Iron Cross (first

class) and the Grand Cross. Hitler, who won an Iron Cross (first class) in the First World War, established the Knights Cross. which was positioned between the Iron Cross and the Grand Cross. During the Second World

won only by Hermann Goering the head of the Luftwaffe. Yet Germans agree that the Tornado pilots have to be rec-ognised for their daily missions over Serbian territory. The Government is reluc-

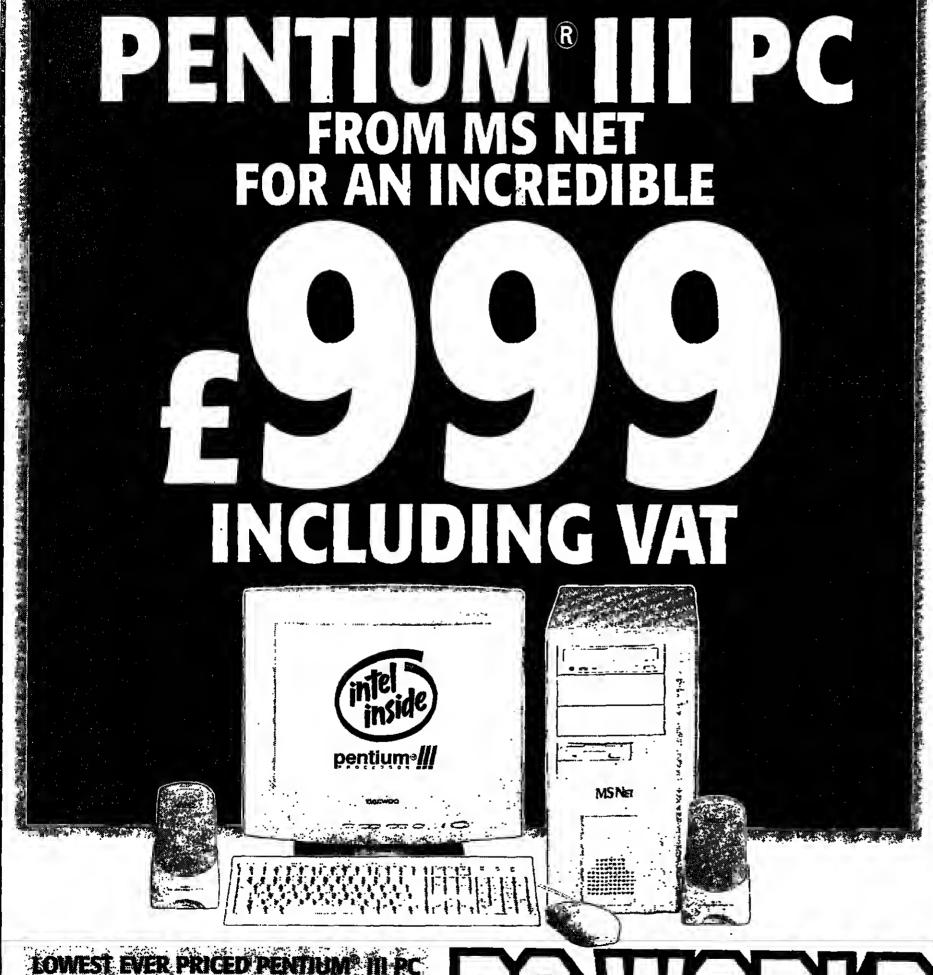
tant to discuss openly the success rate of its Tornados but defence sources say they have been hitting their targets. mainly radar systems. "There are always two sides to a war," said one German Army officer. "If we start singing the praises of our pilots, then paci-



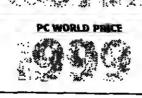
Iron Cross, now defunct

fists will complain and the backlash will be stronger it someone gets shot down While American pilots paint their 'kills' on the sides of their FI5s, the German attitude is different: four psychiatrists have been assigned to the Tornado unit in Piacenza to help flight crews cope wi their post-bombing trauma.

Clearly the Germans would prefer their combat troops to be regarded as victims of 1 broader war, in need of county



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Parish answers prayers with £½m collection

A PARSON who appealed to his parish for funds to restore the Victorian church hall found the next morning that his plea had produced nearly half a million pounds.

Canon Patrick Whitworth. Rector of All Saints, Weston, near Bath, prayed for divine intervention when he launched the appeal to restore the hall, a former village school built in the middle of the last century. But even he was surprised to find pledges totalling £438,000 in the collection box placed at the front of the church during

morning worship.
Officials at the headquarters of the Church of England in Church House, Westmin-ster, yesterday described it as another example of the commitment and confidence of the Church today".

All Saints, a thriving evangelical parish, is one of the largest and most generous in Bath and Wells, paying about £80.000 in annual "quota" to the diocese. It has a congregation of between 400 and 500 every Sunday, and, besides a rector and curate with sripends paid from diocesan funds, the church employs a youth worker and administrafor from its own funds.

The hall, a Grade II listed building is to be renovated to create a "mission interface centre", where the church will run

Parishioners raised funds for a community

centre overnight,

reports Ruth Gledhill

Alpha courses, the introduc-tion to Christianity designed by the country's richest and ossibly most successful parish church. Holy Trinity Brompton in Knightsbridge. It will also serve as a centre for youth groups, wedding recep-nors, playgroups and other

community activities.

Canon Whitworth, who spent five years as a curate at Holy Trinity Brompton, before moving to Weston in 1995, said: "I am stunned and thrilled by the amazing gener-

osity shown by everyone.
"Now we have had all this money pledged to us we will probably be approaching trusts outside the church to raise the difference. It is a fantastic project that will benefit not only local churchgoers but also the local community and I

am very excited by it." Villagers had long dreamed of turning the old school into a conference centre but were put off by the £690,000 estimate for the work.

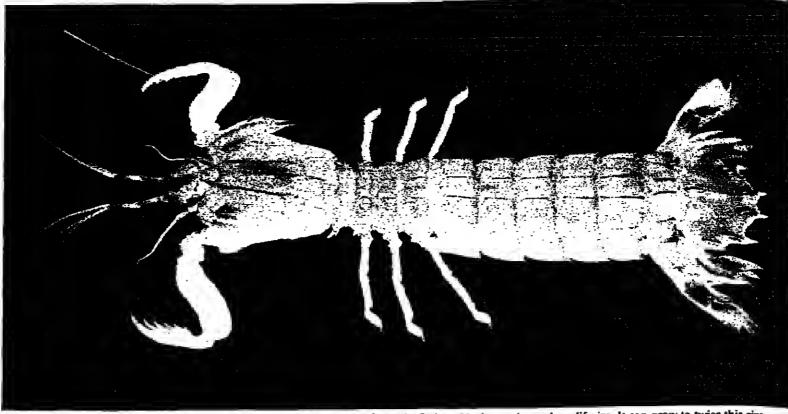
But Canon Whitworth was undeterred and after obtaining planning permission he set about raising the cash, sending details of the plans to nearly 300 church members. parishioners and villagers.

The diocesan development fund contributed £10,000 and a further £10,000 came in from other charitable sources.

But it was after the collection box was placed at the front of the church during morning worship that the cash flowed in. Canon Whitworth spent a week sifting through the slips from 160 addresses and announced the results at the service on Sunday. Most had pledged cash in signed covenants to be spread over four years, while the 25 members of the church council raised £130,000 between them.

With about £458,000 raised, including cash handed in be-fore the church's "Gift Day" — a concept borrowed from Holy Trinity Brompton — villagers still need E220,000.

The Rev John Andrews, spokesman for the Bath and Wells diocese, said: "This is one of the larger churches in the diocese. The people are not rich but they are very generous. This is sacrificial giving."



One of the smaller specimens of the speedy Sun Splitter prawns found in Sydney Harbour, shown here lifesize. It can grow to twice this size

Jurassic prawn's a real cracker

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

FOR Australians, throwing a prawn on the barbecue will never be quite the same. A giant crustacean previously, unknown to science, is making its debut on the Australian menu.
It has emerged from Sydney Har-

bour and dates back to the Jurassic era. Marine biologists have been impressed by the power of this ancient variety of Mantis prawn. It is one of the fastest predators on Earth, able to strike its prey with a claw in 5 to 8 milliseconds, inflicting a deep wound. Its speed has earned it the nickname Sun Splitter. While new to biology, the species, which looks like a cross between a lobster, a prawn and a praying mantis, has been increasingly appearing on local fish stalls. Its size alone will impress the neighbours at the next backyard barbecue. It grows to be-tween 20 and 40 centimetres.

The identification of the giant prawn, which has a 200-million-year ancestry, is part of a two-year research project into crustacea in the coastal waters of New South Wales. Marine biologists believe it is one of the most complex invertebrates found.

While the Mantis prawn is a wellknown family of crustacea, this variety has kept out of view. Scientists now

plan to use the prawn in neurobiology studies. They are impressed by its advanced eyesight — it is believed to have the most complicated vision of any invertebrate — and its agility. Shane Ahyong, research fellow at the

est animal movements." The creature has been named Erogosquilla Grahami after one of Mr Ahyong's collaborators, and Mr Ahyong is in no doubt about the significance of the discovery: "It would be the equivalent of finding a new species

Australian Museum in Sydney, said:

The speed of strike is one of the fast-

of kangaroo. "One of the lessons from this is that we know far less about marine farma

than we should," he said. There is no mistaking the monster prawn in the local fish market. It is more than twice the size of the normal variety. But even if it proves increasingly popular with scalood lovers, there is no immediate danger of supplies running out. Erogosquilla grahami is abundant in Sydney Harbour. No ooe has harvested the species com-

mercially.

Mr Ahyong said that the abundance is a good sign: "It means there is a huge diversity of life in some areas de huge diversity of life in some areas de life." spite other areas that have been polluted quite horribly."



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NEWS IN BRIEF Girl blown out to sea on dinghy

Rescuers were last night searching for a 12-year-old girl who was blown oot to sea on an inflatable dinghy off the Lincolnshire coast near Skegness. As darkness fell, hopes of finding her alive were fading. Coastguards said she had jumped out of her toy boat when strong winds gusted her away from the beach at Huttoft. The two friends she was with made it back to shore. The parents of the girl, who has not been named, were on the beach, but her father and another man were unable to reach her. A search by two inshore lifeboats, an offshore vessel and an RAF helicopter was suspended at nightfall.

Assault charge

The 18-year-old daughter of Paul Whitehouse, the Chief Constable of Sussex, has been charged with assaulting two of his constables. Frances Whitehouse, from Hove, East Sussex, was arrested as police were investigating a fight between two men in Brighton.

Nun accused

Sister Alphonso, a 57-year-old nun who was born Marie Docherty, appeared at Aher-deen Sheriff Court to face charges of cruelty against 23 girls at Nazareth House children's homes in Aberdeen and Midlothian between 1962 and 1980. She denies the alle-

Official cleared

An official at the Radio Authority was cleared of allegations that she accepted a free flight from an Asian commuuity station. Janet Lee, deputy head of programming and advertising, was suspended after claims were made to police.

Red Nose record

Red Nose Day 1999 has smashed previous records and made £27.4 million so far. Comic Relief said the charity extravaganza had made £7 million more than the sum raised by the last Red Nose Day in 1997 at this stage.

Constable jailed

A police constable was jailed for six weeks by magistrates in Liverpool for drink-driving and failing to stop after knocking down a student in his car. Chris Adeniran, 30, who pteaded guilty. is likely to lose his job.

Parrot overdose

Patrice Kinloch, 26, received £330 in an out-of-court settlement at Glasgow Sheriff Court after her pet cockatiel. Jinky, died when a vet injected it with 1,000 times the dose of a drug normally used for carrie to cure the bird's mites.

Lifers spend too long in prison

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SIXTY per cent of prisoners serving life sentences are spending longer in jail than judges recommended because of inefficiency among prison and probation staff, according to a report from Home Office watchdogs.

One man jailed for the murder of his wife should have been released after eight years but has served a total of 24 years because risk assessments, pre-release training and preparatory work have

been constantly delayed. Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, and Sir Graham Smith, the Chief Inspector of Probation. said yesterday that jails were often unprepared for release of life prisoners, resulting in a huge waste of time, and that reconviction rates for those released during a life sentence were much lower than for oth-

er offenders. The report shows that belore capital punishment was scrapped in 1966 the average sentence for a "lifer" was eight years. In 1997 it was 14 years for murderers and 13 years for other criminals, and 296 prisoners had served more than 20

Between 1987 and 1997 the number of life prisoners rose from 2,399 to 3,721 and is set to double by 2007. Sir David said that the increase was caused by legal changes allowing life sentences for offences such as rape and drug dealing.

The Prison Service scheme for handling "lifers" and their release was set up when there was a much smaller number in prison. Sir David said that keeping them in prison longer than necessary was a waste of money and could cause discipline problems within jails.

The Home Office has announced that a steering group will oversee improvements to the system.

° Kosovo Emergency

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The pay's the thing for business Bard

Executives will study Shakespeare

plays to learn how to tread on

the board, reports Alan Hamilton

ONCE more into the boardroom, dear friends, once more, or close the wall up with our ed the dilemmas facing the English dread of the Bard. A management college is turning to Shakespeare for lessons on how to survive in business. Do you want the art of lead-

ership? Henry V is your man. Want to know how to avoid being stabbed in the back? Learn from Julius Caesar. Got some dirty work to do and haven't the stomach for it? Have a word with Lady Macbeth.

Cranfield University School of Management in Bedfordshire has teamed with the Globe Theatre in Southwark on London's South Bank to offer courses on what Shakespeare can teach today's corporate executive. The idea is the inspiration of Richard Olivier, director son of the man who set a benchmark in Bardic interpretation.

The people who run today's multinational corporations face the same dilemmas and responsibilities as the kings and dukes of 1600," he said yesterday, "Shakespeare is about power and responsibility. He is not a kitchen-sink drama-

It is hoped that business careerists will pay £1,000 a seat for a two-day course at the Globe, in which they will not only study the moral questions posed by the Bard but also learn basic techniques of acting — increasingly regarded as an essential adjunct to power in the boardroom where role-playing can be a crucial

The clear favourite among plays for power-players is Henry V, an examination of leadership. Nicholas Janni, a visithelping to run the courses, list-

English king before Agin-court: "What right does he have to this leadership? How does he deal with trailors, and why did he not see the treachery coming? How does he rally his troops and get them to fol-

'Then, as he endures the long dark night of the soul, how much should he role-play and how much should he be himself? Then, with the battle won, how do you turn victory into a garden, and how do you

nurture yourself in success? Gentlemen in England now abed will clearly think themselves accurs'd if they miss the course, to be held in June, But there will be others. Shakespeare's potential for management training is endless, according to Olivier.

Julis Caesar is an obvious one, and not just about backstabbing. According to the course organisers, it is about the positive and negative potential of organisational politics, it is about learning to cope with the fallout of betrayal, and it is about the morals of an illegal action and when it is iustified. Well, the evil that men do lives after them.

The Merchant of Venice might have lessons for credit card issuers who demand a high annual rates, but it is also a candidate on the Cranfield list for teaching not only issues of justice and mercy but also the difference between male and female perceptions of those ideals. Don't strain yourself, Portia,

Olivier himself is much taken by the didactic potential of

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lity: avoiding becoming obsess its own sake to the extent that your wife encourages you to

Desired quality: knowing what you are supposed to be doing in a business environment that never seems to stand still, with

Desired quality: not letting personal distractions get in the way of business decisions. Study: Measure For Measure

The Winters Tale, although given its stage direction of "Bohemia, a desert country near the sea" it should perhaps not be taken entirely at face value. But it is a work about the everchanging world, and how, when we are fired for being too old, or too fuddy-duddy, or unable to operate the new computer system, we must accept our fate and move on with good grace: "Bequeath to

death your numbness; for

And, says Olivier, there are lessons in Measure For Measure on how human and sexual desires intrude on the path to chief executive officer's chair: "Hence shall we see if power change purpose, what our seemers be."

And then there is Macbeth. which according to Olivier is not so much about getting someone to do your dirty

role of becoming obsessed with power for its own sake. And therein lies the difference with *Hamlet*. Olivier said: "What kind of a context does one create in which to take action? Hamlet cannot get clear what his context is, and that is a big question for corporate managers; their parameters are becoming ever less clear." Finally, there is the ultimate challenge of King Lear, which might at some future date fig-

ure on the Cranfield syllabus.

Lear, says Olivier, is a man

who wants to half give up his

power, yet does not entirely

want to lose control. And there, in Shakespeare's greatest creation, is the nugget of advice for all business people to heed before their old white heads render them beyond improvement courses: "Keep thy foot out of brothels, thy hand out of plackets, thy pen from lenders' books, and defy the foul fiend."



A model for today's keen business leader. Henry V, as played by Kenneth Branagh

pilots risked disaster

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE captain of a jet carrying 220 passengers that scraped the ground while attempting to land in a storm apparently relished the challenge and took unnecessary risks, an ac-

cident report said yesterday. The captain of the Airtours International Boeing 757 tried three times to land before heading for another airport with low reserves of fuel. The co-pilot, 34, failed to challenge his "flawed decisions" on the flight from Birmingham to the Dominican Republic last year, the report said. The captain is alleged by passengers to have joked as he struggled to bring the aircraft down.

After the first attempted landing the aircraft circled the airport at Puerto Plata. A second attempt was also abandoned but the captain and co-pilot tried again, relying on their vision rather than using standard instruments in the cockpit. When the aircraft swung round for the third attempt, the captain's spectacles were dislodged. The pilots failed to stabilise the aircraft at the minimum permitted altitude of 400 ft, but continued their attempt, contravening protocol. The plane veered off the run-

way, scraping on to scrubland. The report by the Domini-can Republic Authorities, published by the British Air Accidents Investigation Branch, said that Airtours had demot-ed the captain, 53. He and the co-pilot have since undergone further training.

Accident | Helicopter crash man panicked in fog

By Helen Johnstone

THE helicopter in which a couple crashed into the sea on Easter Monday had flown low over a holiday camp minutes before the accident, it was claimed vesterday.

Paul Burgess, a millionaire businessman, and his wife, Lisa, 27, who is two months pregnant, were recovering at home in Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire, after spending 90 minutes in icy water off the south coast.

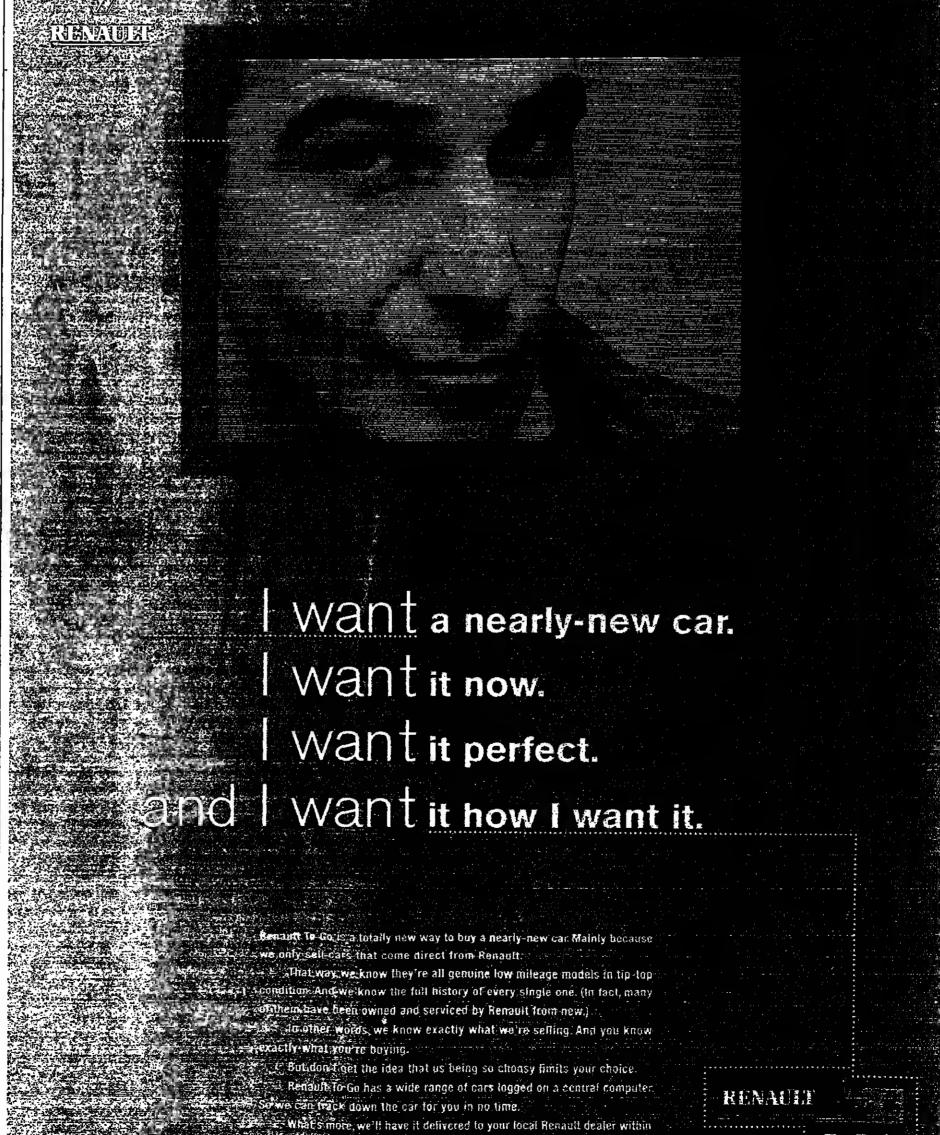
An official at the Devonbased air traffic control centre that monitored the flight claimed that Mr Burgess. 37, may have panicked after he flew into dense fog and becarned disorientated as his two-seater Bell Jet Ranger lost height off Charmouth, Dorset.

The official, who cannot be identified. said that Mr Burgess got into difficulties soon after taking off. "He was shouting and did not seem to take in the advice he was being given by controllers."

had flown 100ft over a holiday camp at Budleigh Salterton in Devon.

headed towards Dorset, where it was lost on radar. The official added: "He must have gone below a certain height We think he was trying to find a pocket in the cloud and fog but was getting more disorientated and panicky."

The Air Accidents Investiga tion Branch confirmed that it was investigating the incident.



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Sweet salesman ''had sticky fingers'

A SALESMAN stole more than a million sweets from his employers, a court was told yesterday.

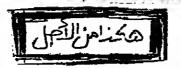
Sidney Hamilton should have had more than two million penny sweets in his lockup when managers made a spot check but they found almost half were missing. Exeter Crown Court was told that the 37-year-old sales representative supplemented his commission by selling them

and pocketing the money. Hamilton, of Kingsteignton, south Devon, denies dealing 411,000 worth of

sweets from Wisepenny Ltd over ten months in 1997. Geoffrey Mercer, for the

prosecution, said that Mr Hamilton ordered sweets each week by telephone and they were delivered to his lock-up premises in Newton Abbot. "In October 1997, the regional sales manager carried out a stock check and found the value of stock to be about £11,500. He should have had nearly £23.000." He said that Mr Hamilton must have sold the sweets and kept the mooey.

The trial continues



Suspects hear grim toll of bomb victims

FROM STEPHEN FARRELL AT CAMP ZEIST

ONE by one, all 270 names of the Lockerbie bomh victims were read out yesterday to the twn Libyans suspected of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103.

On their first full day in Scoriish custody Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi. 46, and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh, 42, sat for two hours as Dumfries and Galloway police, pausing for translation, read nut the deiailed warrani outlining the charges against them.

They were then fingerprinted, photographed and provided DNA samples before appearing separately before Gra-ham Cox. QC. Sheriff Principal of Strathelyde South, Dumfries and Galloway.

The five-minute hearing took place at Camp Zeist, the 100-acre former US Air Force base in The Netherlands where the pair will be tried under Sconish law. Hanging on the wall was a royal coat of arms, made of polystyrene, which had been brought from

The men made no pleas and were committed for further ex-



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amination until a hearing next week when committal proceedings begin on charges of murder, conspiracy to murder and contravention of the Aviation Security Act 1982.

Each was accompanied by a Scottish advocate, solicitor and Libyan representative, and spoke in Arabic only to confirm their names. The hearing took place within the police station where they were taken afier being delivered to The Netherlands from Libya by the UN on Monday night.

Neither man wore handcuffs and the sheriff and the advocates were not wearing wigs, in keeping with usual procedure at committal hearings in chambers.

Mr al-Megrahi and Mr Fhimeh are now in a temporary prison block on the site.

more than 100 Scottish police and prison officers. The twostorey building is divided into two. On one side is the police station and on the other is the prison, with coils of razor wire along the walls and roof, metgrilles over the windows. and floodlights and closed-circuit television cameras overlooking the exercise yard.

Technically the trial must begin within 110 days of next week's comminal. The defence is expected to ask for an adjournment to prepare their case. In the meantime, work will begin on building the prison where the men will be held during the trial and the courthouse, which will be housed within a former elementary school used by 32nd Squadron US Air Force during the Cold

Court officials said that the suspects were being treated exactly like any other Scottish prisoners and that the court procedures were being conducted as they would at any other court in Scotland. "The only thing that is unique is where it is taking place," one judicial source said.



An armed Scottish policeman checks a vehicle entering HM Prison Zeist vesterday

Scots guards go Dutch until trial begins

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE HM Prison sign is up and Celtic's results are on Ceefax, but the guard dogs and the breakfast sausages are still Durch in this parch of The Netherlands that has become a temporary sliver of Scotland.

Few of the 200 Scottish police, prison officers and support staff guarding the two prisoners in Zeist will ever see the suspected Libyan intelligence agents whose trial is the reason for everyone being on this 100-acre site near Utrecht. The pair are kept deep within the former air force camp on the wooded site.

The men entrusted with the task of arranging the guard on them until the trial, expected next year, are Detective Chief Superintendent Tom McCulloch of Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary: Jim Ballantyne, the newly appointed governor of HM Prison Zeisi, and his deputy. Eddie Gordon. With them are police from all eight Scottish forces, who are assigned for 12-week stints. spending alternate weeks in The Neiherlands and at home with their families.

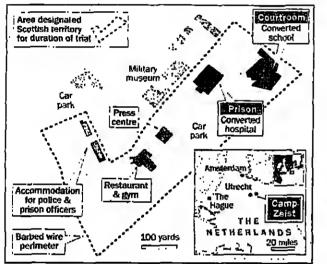
Prison offices will serve similar rotations, but fortnightly. All will live on the base, surrounded by a barbed-wire perimeter fence and patrolled by guards with sub-machineguns and bulletproof jackets. Ca-

nine security is provided by Dutch alsatians to avoid quarantine difficulties. Although there is no bar, drink will be available when the camp is fully up and running.

The Dutch caterers in the canteen ensure there is little distinctive Sconish flavour to mealtimes, with a typical breakfast consisting of eggs, Dutch sausage, bread, cold meats and tiny packets of Rice Krispies and cornflakes. The canteen does, however, have cable television which broadcasts BBCI and other English and foreign language channels. Football fans are already querying whether Manchesier United, Celric and Rangers fixtures will be screened and orb. ers are setting up a sports and social club to play Dutch teams,

Conditions for Mr al-Megrahi and Mr Fhimeh are similar to those of Category A remand prisoners in Sconish jails, although their cells are about twice as large. They have a window but no television, and the bath and shower are out-

side the cell The Libyans will wear their own clothes and will be allowed a few possessions such as books and newspapers, but probably not radios. They will be permitted visits by anyone



Libya's rehabilitation starts on the beaches

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LIBYA is poised for a swift return to the international community. Tourists are looking forward to a return to some of the finest beaches on the Mediterranean, while British businessmen are preparing to sign huge oil and airline contracts.

The suspension of Uoited Nations sanctions has opened the door to tourism in a country ready to welcome back Europeans. Libyan Arab Airlines announced yesterday that it was considering a resumption of international flights, and will publish

a new schedule today. An application for a new licence to land in Britain is expected soon.

Libya, which is three times the size of France but has a population of barely five million. boasts some of the finest Roman ruins in North Afrlca and sweeping beaches that have seen hardly a tourist for the past decade. Leptis Magna, with its paved streets, colossal cornices and a monumental arch, was once a city to rival Rome, and the birthplace of the Roman emperor Septimius Severus. Libya hopes it will swiftly draw Europeans back in their thousands.

Other well-known sites include

Cyrenaica, an ancient Greek colony with beautiful gardens.

Some of the first to visit will be veterans of the Second World War and the families of Allied soldiers buried in Libya. Previous attempts to organise reunions and pilgrimages were hampered by poor political re-

lations and the lack of air links. A resumption of flights will also boost trade. Britain is well placed to clinch big export orders for new oil industry equipment. In recent months, Libya has also been holding talks with British Aerospace on what is believed to be a large order. Diplomatic relations will take

come from the Embassy Since relations were broken, Libya's interests have been handled by

looger. The Government has made

clear that Libya can set np a consu-

late in Scotland if the trial of the two

Lockerbie suspects results in their

coovictioo and imprisonment in

Glasgow. But the reopeoing of em-

bassies depends oo progress on the

issue of the killing of WPC Yvonne

Fletcher in 1984 by a shot said to

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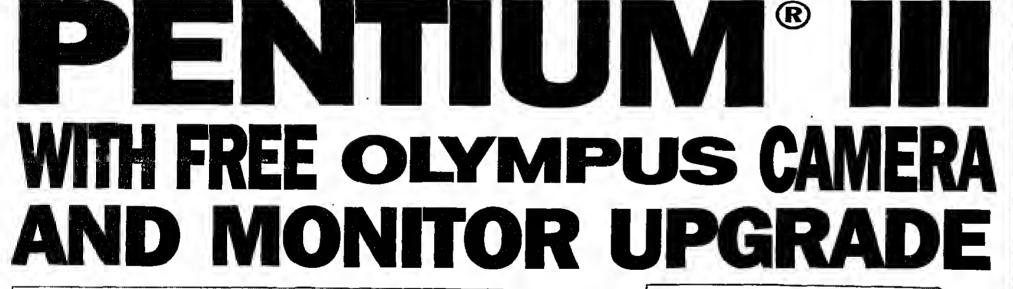
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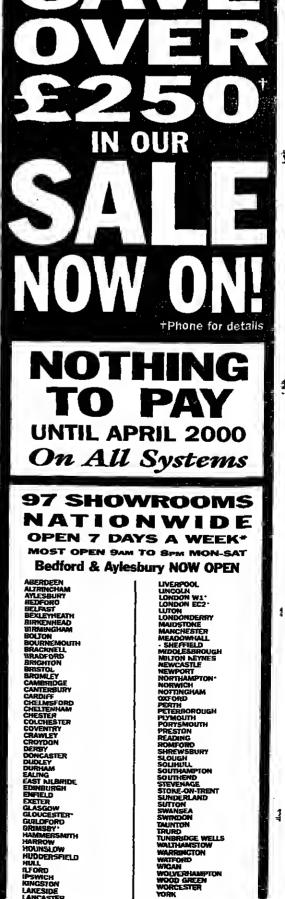


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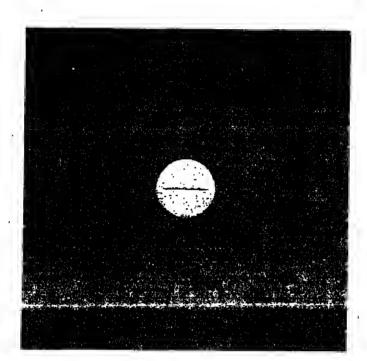
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independence by stealth, reports Jason Allardyce

THE CAMPAIGN to win control of Scotland's first partiament in 300 years began yesterday with Labour accusing nationalists of hiding their plans for independence.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Labour leader, opened his party's election campaign by accusing the Scottish National Party of an "exercise in dishonesty" over its plans for a refer-endum on independence. His comments, which infuri-

ated the SNP leadership, were prompted by the nationalists' decision to put their commit-ment to independence and a referendum within four years at the bottom of a ten-point pledge card. Other low-key issues, including abolishing Private Finance Initiatives and commitments to land reform. featured more prominently.

Addressing a rally in Edinburgh's Parliament Square, Mr Dewar said: "This must be the first time in political history that a separatist party has tried deliberately to conceal its sole purpose for existing.

"I say to the SNP that you can tear up your ten points but what you must do above all is start telling Scotland the truth. If they win on May 6 I believe they will start filing for an expensive and messy divorce from Britain."

Mr Dewar said that the SNP had already made clear that it they would begin negotiations on independence the day after they won the elec-

But Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, denied that the party was trying to hide its commitment to independence, which he said still remained at the



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Donald Dewar boards Labour's Holyrood "battle bus" in Edinburgh yesterday. He said that independence would cost jobs and necessitate tax increases

heart of its campaign strategy. If we do win an overall major ity, then of course we would ask Westminster for negotiations," he said.

The decision on independence is a decision made in a referendum. It has to be made in a straight question — it has to be a straight yes or no."

Mr Dewar said that Scots faced a stark choice at the polls between social justice and a divorce from the rest of Britain that would raise taxes and cost

"What we are seeing now is an attempt at a disordered retreat and an admission that the one reason for their existence is the reason on which they cannot be elected They are now a party that will say anything to win." he said. Mr Dewar also praised the

work of Tony Blair and the late Labour leader John Smith, which he said had played a vital role in achieving a Souttish Parliament.

Earlier, the SNP launched its campaign saying that its pledge to forgo the penny tax cut and invest in public services would be the defining issue of the contest, Mr Salmond

said: "The contest between investment in public services and a penny tax bribe is one that the SNP will win decisive-

Mr Salmond said that Scots would judge the issue on their own experience in hospitals, housing schemes and classrooms, and accused Labour of being run by "remote control" from London.

He rejected suggestions that

est in the party's 75 years.

the general election.

PLAID CYMRU kicked off the campaign

for the Welsh assembly elections yesterday.

promising "a oew beginning for Wales" and claiming its current support is the high-

Dafydd Wigley, MP, the party president.

said coofidence was high that Labour would be denied an overall majority of the

60 seats in the vote in 30 days. Recent opin-ioo polls have put support for Plaid Cymru

at 29 per cent compared with 10 per cent at

Speaking as his candidates gathered at

Cardiff Bay, site of the assembly. Mr Wig-

ley said: "We have made up tremendous

ground since the general election and have

opinion polls suggesting his a second-place finish would party was lagging badly bebetter suit the party's longterm goals by allowing them hind Labour, saying Time will tell in the next four weeks to mount effective opposition to a fledgeling Labour execuwhether I'm right or Gordon tive. The SNP is trying to win Brown is right." Mr Dewar, who is tomor-row expected to announce the this campaign and win it for

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Bathgate to go all-out to defeat

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ble alternative to Labour in Wales. Peonle.

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seeo what one-party government can do, and I think they are determined to see that

While Laboor acknowledges that the na-

tionalists are its greatest threat, the party in-

tends to concentrate its campaign on show

ing voters how the Government has already

delivered on key issues such as the minimum

wage and boosting child benefits. Labour's

assembly manifesto is expected to be pub-

lished oext week. The Liberal Democrats will

unveil their proposals today; the Conserva-tives launch their campaign tomorrow.

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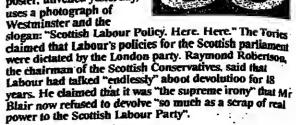
you don't believe in it don't vote for it," he said

The Liberal Democrats played down speculation about their role as potential power brokers in the Scottish parliament when they launched their campaign with a pledge to double spending on school books and equipment, later told activists in

ment (Gillian Harris writes). Jim Wallace, the party's Scottish leader, who is expected to form a coalition government with the largest single party at Holyrood, said that his party would enter coalition talks once the votes were counted. But he repeated his promise that the Lib Dems would not form a coalition with any party advocating a referendum on independence during the first term in office, effectively ruling out partnership with

the SNP. The Liberal Democrats. who have declared their willingness to use the so-called tartan tax to fund increased spending on education, plan to invest an extra £60 million on education in the first year of government, equivalent to £80 per pupil.

poster, unveiled yesterday, uses a photograph of Westminster and the



Building block falls

The Government is expected to pay more than £400.000 for three former council houses that stand in the way of the new Scottish parliament building in Edinburgh. The price has been agreed after almost a year of negotiations with Edinburgh City Council and two private owners who bought the properties under the right-to-buy legislation.
One estate agent described the 1950's terraced homes as "unprepossessing and architecturally unfashionable" and worth little more than £50,000. The Scottish Office has refused to confirm the purchase price but said that a deal had been struck and the properties would now be demolished. The council's property services committee is expected to agree to sell one property to the Scotlish
Office for £117.000. It is understood that the private owners will be offered about £150,000 each.

Scargill misses launch

Arthor Scargili yesterday cancelled his speech to launch the Socialist Labour Party's manifesto for the Scottish Parliament election campaign. Mr Scargill, a founder member, rang party colleagues an hour before he was due to speak in Glasgow to say that he could not attend because he was negotiating a pay rise for National Uoion Mineworkers' members employed by RJB Mioing. The SLP has pledged to abolish unemployment and double the minimum wage if elected to Holyrood. The party, which expects to win two or three seats, plans to wind down the nuclear industry and develop wave, wind and solar power, as well as lobby Westminster to abolish VAT and raise corporation tax.

Quote of the day

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, on the Scottish National Party's ten-point election pledge, which puts independence last:

This must be the first time in political history that a separatist party has

tried deliberately to conceal its sole purpose for existing from the electorate?

AGENDA

The Chancellor Gordon Brown officially launches the Scottish Labour election campaign with Scottish party leader Donald Dewar in the party's new media centre in The Liberal Democrat manifesto is launched in Edinburgh and the SNP leader Alex Salmond will be

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hours hunched over the telehours hunched over the action phone and tapping at a computer are putting themselves at risk of more than a pain in the neck. A condition christened whome neck, can cause probthe olumin large metric and a pain in the neck. A condition christened phone neck" can cause problems in the spine, arms and hands, researchers have found. tion is caused by gripping the telephone between the head and shoulders, leaving both hands free to use a keyboard and take notes. A study published today by the health sciences department at Surrey

University says that this posture increases the risk of nerve us legislate n.ed home; compression in the neck and shoulder, with consequent problems in the spine, arms The Office b and hands. ous posture involves leaning forward, away from the back of the chair, while taking a call. The study says this puts greater pressure on the spine and can cause cumulative back problems. The two-month aund

intervertebral discs. Nerve root damage can result in pain, loss of sensation or loss of muscle power in the area supplied by the nerve roots. Another possible explana-

oon for nerve damage follow-ing a telephone oeck injury is that it may be caused by prolonged pressure on a nerve that is pressed between the plastic of the handset and the bone and hard tissue of the neck. This type of injury is more commonly observed when someone has been sleeping deeply and a comparativewho falls asleep with their arm over the back of a chair. can damage the radial nerve in the upper arm. Neck problems related to telephone use have been de-

ly superficial nerve has been

caught between a bony part of

the body - such as a shoulder,

elbow or knee - and a chair or

bedhead. A drunken person

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scribed before, but discomfort in the lower back brought on by leaning forward while using a telephone is a new observation by the Surrey researchers. This pain is similar to that induced in men who have lumbar disc troubles when they stoop forward to peer at themselves in a shaving mirror.

Pain may be eased if the chair and telephone are placed so it is not necessary to lean for-ward. The ideal solution would be to correct faulty posture by learning the Alexander technique or Pilates exercises.

Once the damage is done, however, padents may have to wear a neck support. Persistent pressure on a nerve root or compression of the cord could also necessitate surgery.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Scientist plugs his TV into the bath

A BATHFUL of hot water will generate enough electricity to run a television for about two hours, a professor at Cardiff

University has proved.

Michael Rowe said: "Instead of letting waste water run down the plughole, you can take the heat out of it and

create electricity." Professor Rowe, who used a 19th-century invention, the thermocouple, to turn the heat into power, believes there is a

big future in generating electricity from waste heat. A thermocouple is a simple device: two wires of different metals joined at their ends to form a loop. When one junction is hot and the other cold. electricity flows around the loop. In a central heating system, for example, a thermocouple placed between hat

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HOW TO RELIEVE THE STRAIN

is a pain in the neck

Headsets remain the most effective of hands-free telephone operations, with more than six million in use world-wide. BT offers three types of headset, priced from £59.99 to £129.99. For £187.94 BT sells an adaptor that converts any modular telephone into a headset and handset working while its £50 Holdaphone allows the normal handset to be attached to a flexible arm.

Another option is the phone rest, a cradle-style attachment that sits on the shoulder and allows the caller to use both hands without contorting the spine. Ericsson and Nortel Networks are among telecoms suppliers researching this simple pain-relieving method.

ployers. This is partly because

the injuries caused by bad tele-

phone habits cannot be seen

The Chartered Society of

Physiotherapy said that the condidon, which its members

called telephonitis, could be

Tracy Bury, head of re-search and development at the

society, said neck and back

pain caused 1.2 million lost

working days a year. "The re-

sulting cost to industry and the NHS is massive but it

could be cut dramatically with

avoided by using headsets.

and take time to manifest."

study was conducted on 26 siaff aged 18 to 57 at offices in London handling legal, financial, secretarial and computer work. It found that 65 per cent had headaches someomes or frequently when using a telephone handset for more than two hours a day, 50 per cent had neckache and 31 per cent complained of lower-back pain, Elizabeth Simpson, the re-

port's author, said: "Unlike manual worker safety, the is-sue of occupational injury among office staff is still not

Nerve centres

damaged by a

twisted spine

Anthony Hopkins, a neurologist and director of research at the Royal College of Physicians, found that using a phone while driving could bring on a condition he called mobile users' shoulder droop. One of his patients lost the use of his right arm for a month after spending two hours on his mobile phone. A nerve in the neck was damaged by being compressed by the handset.

of these common problems."

Doctors at a Paris hospital treated a 36-year-old woman with severe neck pain and ring-ing in the ear. They found that blood had become trapped in her neck artery while she made a half-hour call on a cordless phone that she wedged under her chin while ironing.

Anyone who combines telephoning with other tasks, including driving, increases neck and shoulder tension by 41 per cent, according to research by the Institute for Treatment and Prevention of Repetitive Modon Injuries at Santa Clara Valley Medical Centre in California.



Hours spent using a telephone while also typing risks causing painful nerve damage

Vegetarians should watch what they drink

BY HELEN RUMBELOW

ONLY half of all wines are suitable for vegetarians but this is rarely stated on the boitle, a report by the Consumers'

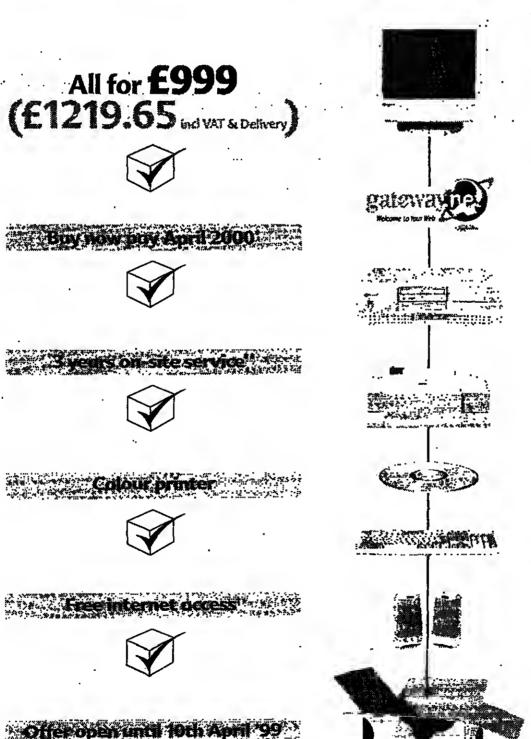
Association says today.

Dried ox blood was traditionally used to clarify wines. Now producers are likely to use geladne, from beef, or isinglass, from fish, to remove the residue. For vegan wine, manufacturers have to avoid other clarifying agents such as egg white. Instead they use clay or leave the wine unfiltered.

Widespread confusion over labelling among producers and drinkers, means that organic wines and those suitable for vegetarians and vegans often fail to make this clear.

France is the biggest pro ducer of organic wines but that is because they are largely small family-run concerns that have always made wine in a traditional way, without pesticides. It often takes someone else to come along and norice that they are organic. Susy Atkins, Editor of Which? Wine Guide and author of the report in Health Which? said

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Nannies 'must agree not to hit'

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS should employ people to look after their children only if they agree not to smack them, the Government advised yesterday.

In a 20-page booklet, Need A Nanny?. it says it is important for parents to discuss "posiove discipline strategies" with prospective nannies. "A trained childcare worker would never use physical punishment as a form of discipline," it adds.

Campaigners for anti-smacking laws said yesterday that if professional childcarers, acting in place of parents, were not allowed to smack, then parents should also be banned from doing so. Alan Coombe, from the Barnado's charity, said: "Physical vio-lence against children is never acceptable, whether administered by a nan-

ny or a parent.

Margaret Hodge, junior Educa-tion and Employment Minister, who oversees policy on childcare, said that the Government was not trying to preach to parents about what to do in their own home, but most parents would not find it acceptable for their nanny to smack their children. "People who do a childcare course will be trained to use strategies other than smacking," she said.

The Department of Health has promised to curb the right of parents to hit their children with an implement, such as a cane, but has stopped short of outlawing smacking. After a ruling in the European Court last au-tumn that British law on corporal punishment failed to protect children's rights, it is drawing up a con-sultation document on what kind of smacking should be allowed.

Yesterday's guidelines on hiring nannies come two months after Louise Sullivan, the Australian nanny, was convicted at the Old Bailey of killing a six-month old baby in her care by shaking her.

The booklet informs parents that they will soon be able to use the new Criminal Records Bureau to vel potential employees. The bureau, which should become operational early next year, will list people deemed to be un-

suitable to work with children.

Need a Nanny?, which will be distributed free in doctors' surgeries, libraries and supermarkets, advises parents to check any unexplained gaps in an applicant's work experience and to check all references with previous employers and teachers over the telephone or in person. Employers are also advised to choose namines with qualifications from rec-

ognised childcare organisations. Officials are also drawing up a code of conduct for nanny agencies, and those that sign up to it will get a

government seal of approval.

Need a Nanny? can be obtained free of charge by telephoning 0845 6022260 or e-mailing dfee@prologis-tics.co.uk Ref: NANGP. It will shortly be available on the Internet at ww.djee.gov.uk/ nanny/ index.htm

WORLD IN BRIEF

Churches closed in protest at violence

Nazareth: Churches were closed for 48 hours yesterday in an unprecedented protest against attacks oo Christians by Muslims (Christopher Walker writes). The violence in the town, which is home to 42,000 Muslims and 18,000 Christians, is the most serious in the Holy Land for many years and could wreck plans to make it a centre of millennium celebrations. Riot police patrolled the streets and vigilantes guarded churches as Christian leaders, who ordered the closures, called on the Israeli Government to take steps to halt the violence, which began over rival plans for land close to the Basilica of the Annunciation.

Iraqis executed

Rashdad: Four Iragis, including three dergymen, have been hanged for the murder of the country's Shia Musiki leader and two of his sons, an official statement said yesterday. The men were shown on state television last month con-fessing to shooting Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Sadiq al-Sader and his sons in February, but exiled opposition groups said one of them had been in jail since 1991. (AP)

Call for guerrilla war

Jakarta: Xanana Gusmao, the East Timorese independence leader, has called for a resumption of the guerrilla war against Indonesian forces in the occupied territory (Patricia Nunan writes). Gusmao's lawyer said that he would withdraw the call to arms if a UN contingent was deployed to stop attacks by pro-Indonesian militias that have killed scores of civilians in recent months.

Forgers' \$1m a week

Cali: A gang of Colombian forgers who are said to have made more than \$1 million (£620,000) a week by bleaching 10 Bolivares notes, worth 10p, and reprinting them as near-perfect US\$10 bills have been arrested by police after a tip-off (Gabriella Gamini writes). Much of the money was used to launder drug profits. The US Treasury Department said that the fakes had been entering America for three years.

Magician buried alive

New York: David Blaine, a 25-year-old magician, was buried alive in a see through coffin where he has vowed to remain for a week as a test of his will. He has prepared for the stant by learning to put himself into a trance-like state and spending four days a week in a coffin in his living room. Blaine will have no food and three to foor table-spoons of water a day. Fresh air will be pumped in. (AP)

Velázquez grave found

Madrid: Historians say they have located the remains of the painter Velazquez under a Madrid street. If confirmed the bones will be moved to a more suitable site to mark the 400th anniversary of his birth this year. His crypt was originally under a church that was demolished when Napoleonic forces invaded Spain. Previous attempts to find the site, in 1845 and 1960, failed because of faulty maps. (AP)

Tycoon faces arrest

Moscow: A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Boris Berezovsky, the tycoon who helped to finance President Yeltsin's re-election in 1996, on charges of money laundering and illegal cotrepreneurship. Mr Berezovsky is accused with Nikolai Glushkov, Aeroflor's former deputy director, of si-phoning off billions of dollars from the airline's profits. Mr Berezovsky, who is in France, denied he would seek asylum.

Crime boss pleads guilty

New York: John Gotti Jr, head of America's largest crime family, entered a surprise guilty plea on the eve of his trial on racketeering charges (James Bone writes). Gotti Jr faces a maximum sentence of seven years. Prosecutors said his guilty plea meant the death knell for the Gottis' 15-year rule over the once-feared New York crime family. Gotti's father, the former head of the clan, is serving a life sentence.

Teachers call for bar on unruly pupils

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A TEACHER lold yesterday how a four-year-old boy was excluded in his first week at school after biong 16 children and four teachers.

Dave Battye said he was called in to a South Yorkshire school as a teachers' union representative just two days after

the boy's arrival.

He told delegates at the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers' conference in Eastbourne that the boy was unteachable, and joined calls for disruptive children to be kept

out of mainstream schools.

The union criticised the spread of special units within schools designed to deal with disruptive pupils. The Governmeni is planning more of the units as part of its strategy to reduce the soaring level of school exclusions.

Mr Battye, a member of the union executive, told the con-ference that teachers should not be expected to teach children who did not want to

"This is not an educational problem. We deal with educational problems. This little boy at four going round biting members of the public at random was not an educational problem. His mouth watered when he saw dinner ladies."

The boy bit seven pupils and two members of staff on his first day. He bit nine pupils, the head teacher and the depu-

ty head on his second day, before being excluded. Mr Battye rejected the view of educationists who blamed bad behaviour on difficulties

children had in coping with their school work. Delegates backed a motion condemning the "chaoric agenda of pupils who respond nei-ther to authority nor to ambi-oon". They said units for disruptive children, "sin bins", should not be used as an alter-

native to permanent exclusion. Delegates also criticised plans to set targets for cutting the number of exclusions.

Jim Prior, a delegate from North Lanarkshire, called for legislation to make parents more responsible for chil-dren's behaviour. "The time for namby-pamby education theories is over," he said.

☐ England's three main classroom unions should hold a joint ballot to convince ministers of the strength of opposition to plans for performance-related pay, Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the Na-tional Union of Teachers, said vesterday.

In his closing address to the NUT's conference in Brighton, he said that the Government's decision to make the new teacher appraisals voluntary in their first year was not sufficient to head off the union's campaign of industrial action.

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The Grade II listed station at Mytholmroyd, the village where Huges was born, which could be converted as a tribute

Railtrack delays Hughes project

By PAUL WILKINSON, NORTH EAST CORRESPONDENT



Hughes: never lost his Yorkshire accent

A NEAR-DERELICT railway building has been suggested as a heritage centre dedicated to the life and works of Ted Hughes, the late Poet Laure-

However, Railtrack, which owns the Victorian Grade II listed building in the Pennine village of Mytholmroyd in West Yorkshire, where Hughes was born, has been accused of draggiog its feet over the plan. It says it is looking at

The idea was put forward

by Royd Regeneration, a local development group, which wants to convert the building to establish a library of Hughes's work and an archive of material related to him, together with study rooms, an exhibi-

tioo hall and a lecture theatre, Although he lived in America and the West Country, Hughes never lost his Yorkshire burr, and now locals want to pay tribute to their most famous son. The centre has the support of Hughes's widow, Carol, and his publishers, Faber and Faber.

Sean Green, the project leader with Royd Regeneration, said that once the famiapproval had been secured, others fell in behind. The Poetry Society, Yorkshire and Humberside Arts and Calderdale Council are all involved now.

Railtrack's three-storey stone building has been unoccupied for 15 years. Officially described as a stair tower, it is set into an embankment on the line between Leeds and

Manchester. It links the platform built high oo a viaduct over a tributary of the River Calder, which is also Grade II listed, with the valley floor. A modern flight of steps allows travellers access to the unmanned station. Mr Green said: "Bearing in

mind the enthusiasm and excitement this project has generated, we would appreciate it if Railtrack would be more communicative and co-operative with us."

A spokeswoman for Railtrack said yesterday: "We inherited a great deal of property from British Rail when it was privatised, and we have consider how best to maximise our assets.

This building was not at the top of our priority list as the station has been unmanned for some time. We are getting round to looking at it and there are a number of interested parties. We will have to consider them on a commercial basis."

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Thinking outside the box

Weight of the law bans diet advert

BY CHRISTINE MIDDAP

THE full weight of the law turned against the Yummy Yum Yum Diet yesterday. The Office of Fair Trading won a High Court injunction to stop slimming advertisements that had claimed that certain foods could burn fat or cleanse the body of impurities.

John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading. said: "Advertisements that offer false hope and prey on the vulnerabilities of people are particularly offensive."

The injunction against Top 20 Ltd of Regent Street, London, stops the company making certain claims in its advertisements for the Yummy Yum Yum Diet. It had claimed that the diet would allow users to lose specified amounts of weight in specified times and that it was effective in cleaning the body of impurities. It also promised increased energy and reduced risk of serious illness and said that certain foods burn fat from the body.

The diet was advertised through unsolicited faxes that invited recipients to dial a premium-rate fax number to receive a diet sheet two to four pages long. The cost was £1 per minute and it took four to nine minutes to receive.

This is not the first time that I have been forced to go to court to stop misleading slimming ads," Mr Bridgeman said. "I warn anyone who continues to produce such advertisements and ignores rulings from the Advertising Standards Authority they should expect to hear from my office."

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Personal Finance **Editor Anne** Ashworth reports on how to make the best of your savings; why the lottery is a waste of money; how credit agencies view your

have not this low since when Twiggy first sidled down the catwalk in Mary Quant designs. This is the son of detail that leads the more exproven building society chief executive to do an impersonation of a young Mick Jagger. But ask the same man about the rates available on his organisation's savings accounts and he will suddenly lose the swagger and all sense of history.

Easy Money, however, notes that the decline in morigage rates which began late last year has resulted in an even swifter fall in returns on savings. Rates on bank and building society savings accounts, in which millions of us have between £1 and £100,000 invested, were

last at their curlevel in 1874. For the Quant mini, subsotute Charles Worth crinoline: for Harold Wilson, Beniamin Disraeli: for Jagger, Johann Strauss.

The happy Sixties saver earned an average of 5.78 per cent on his savings. But the average rate payable today on a basic instant access account is 1.57 per cent, below the rate of inflation of 2.4 per cent. This means that your stash of cash could be losing value as it is not keeping pace with increas-es in the cost of living. The knowledge that you have even a little money in an account is usually the source of considerable reassurance. Bul returns such as these would make even the preternaturally thrifty feel disaffected.

Once lax is taken into account, the picture becomes even gloomier. Tax at the rate of 20 per cent is automatically deducted from savings interest before it is added to your account - the rate of 1.57 per cent becomes 1.26 per cent for most taxpayers. For the two million people on the higher rate of tax, this is further

reduced to 0.94 per cent. Some accounts from high street banks pay much less than the average, offering savers as little as 0.50 per cent before tax. Your £5,000, amassed from much self-denial, would spending habits

earn only £25 in a year. Rates on smaller balances can be more exiguous still. Place £100 in Abbey National's Instant Saver and you will earn just 0.2 per cent interest.

It would be easy to conclude that savers will soon be paying banks for the privilege of de-positing money, but the decline in returns may be slowing. There is speculation that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee may cut the bank base rate tomorrow by a further 0.25 per cent to 5.25 per cent.

Britain's II million homebuyers will not necessarily re-ceive the full benefit of any decrease as there is a new desire to safeguard the interests of the nation's 19 million savers. They include the elderly, who need extra income to supplement pensions; and the young. who want to

buy homes and need to see their money grow. If you are a saver who falls into the homebuyer calegory then you may feel that meagre rates for savings are a reasonable price to

pay for cheaper mortgages. Shame on you for such defeatist talk. You can swap your lean, mean rate for a big-andbeefy 5 to 6 per cent even if you have only El. The secret is to stop queueing in branches and start organising your savings by post or over the phone.

The 5-per-cent-plus average instant access rate of 1966 reflects the very different savings scene of that era. People accessed their accounts over the counter in high street branches and schemes varied little from one bank to another.

The 1.5 per cent instantaccess account of 1999 reliects the waif-like rates payable on thousands of branchbased accounts. Insiders explain that these rates are set at the lowest possible level to deter the public from visiting branches that are expensive to run. Most institutions reserve

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NASTY HABITS

laying the National Lottery defies reason. Cynics call the lottery a tax on fools, and it's easy to see why. The odds of winning the jackpot are 13.983.816 to one against. Vet 70 per cent of the British population regularly buys a lottery ticket.

The lure of the scratchcard is even more insidious. The odds of winning big money are more than six million to one against, but that does not seem to matier when you are standing in your newsagent's and contemplating the fact that for just £1 extra, you could be walking home with half a pint of milk, a newspaper and £50,000.

The lonery's appeal lies in the sheer quantity of money up for grabs. The biggest prize so far was shared by Paul Madison and Mark Gardiner, who spent one Saturday evening in June 1995 celebrating being £22.5 million nicher. Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lot-tery has created 763 British millionaires.

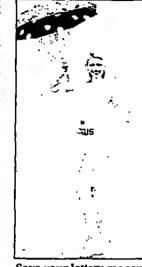
The desire to become the next one leads millions of people to throw as much as £300 a year in Camelot's direction. The average player spends at least £3.33 a week on lottery tickets. If each player also buys at least three instants, the weekly total could be £6.33.

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Investing your lottery money in your pension fund is also worth consideration. According to Virgin Direct, a basic-rate taxpay-er who contributes £75 a month to a pension fund from the age of 30 can expect a final fund of about £130,000 by the time he or she reaches 60. If he adds



Save your lottery money

his lonery cash to his pension fund, the final fund will be worth almost £50,000 more: £178,000.

Besides the financial benefits, there are many other reasons to give up buying lonery tickets. No more will you live in fear of forgetting lo buy your ticket, only lu discover that your numbers

have come up.

No longer will you have to endure the cloying smiles of the B-list celebrities hired to present the National Lottery Live on TV on Saturday nights. No longer will you contribute voluntarily to the Government's coffers. If you can't resist a ber, choose rationality and stick to horses.

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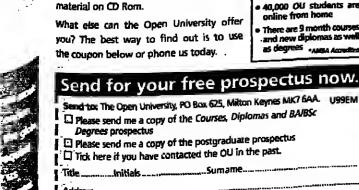
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Man's debt to spuds

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IT IS hard to imagine cookery without the potato. The humble tuber makes so many appearances in so many different forms that Western cuisine would be a poor thing without it. But now an American anthropologist has gone even further.

Cooking tubers, he suggests. was a key event in human evolution, enabling the huge expan-sion of the brain that led to Homo erectus. the human species which first left Africa to colonise the world.

Many explanations have been advanced to explain this dramatic change 1.8 million years ago, with meat-eating a current fa-

vourite. But Dr Richard Wrangham, of Harvard University, says that cooked tubers are an even better bet. He points out in Current Anthropology that the Australopithecines, man's ancestors, were eating meat a million years earlier without evolving big brains or larger bodies. Many omnivores alive today have a meat diet, but it has yet to produce any four-legged Einsteins.

So why tubers? They are certainly plenoful

in Africa, even if the potato we eat is of South American origin, and suited to a temperate climate. Cassava. yams and sweet potatoes are staples in the Tropics. In Tanzania's savannah grasslands today, there are 40 tonnes of tuber per square kilometre, and no reason to believe things were very different two million years ago, when tuber-eating pigs and mole rats flourished.

Tubers only really show their value when cooked, however. Then the carbohydrates are made palatable and provide a lot of

is, California, have developed a tough enzyme that can prevent dye released from one garment attaching itself to another.

They knew that peroxidases could do the

job by chewing up dyes in solution. but ordi-

nary ones cannot survive the heat, alkalinity

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and introducing random changes, both in

the amino acid sequence of the enzyme, and

into its gene, to create enzymes more resist-

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Further selection and mutation produced a peroxidase 174 times more stable in bot wa-

ter and 100 times more resistant to hydrogen

peroxide than the original, the team reports

in Nature Biotechnology. It prevented dyes

from a red cloth running into a white one.

sands of mutant combinations.

PUTTING a bright red sock

into a white wash and coming up with everything a sickly

pink could soon be just a nasty memory. Scientists from Novo Nordisk Biotech in Dav-

calories. Dr Wrangham calculates, reports Science, that a diet of 60 per cent cooked tubers and no meat boosts calorie intake by more than 40 per cent over a diet of nuts, berries and raw tubers. A 60 per cent meat diet, by contrast, offers only a 20 per cent calorie boost. An energy-rich diet would allow the teeth, jaws and gut to shrink, and the brain to SCIENCE grow — just what happened in the decisive step to man. BRIEFING

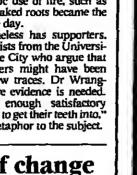
The idea of our ancestors eating roots is also more plausible than a meat diet, he believes. Modern hunter-gatherers such as the Hadza of Tanzania may

go weeks without a kill, even though they hunt with bows and arrows, tech-nology more advanced than early man.

There is only one flaw with the theory, and it is a fairly big one. There is no evidence of cooking hearths going back further than about 250,000 years, so how did the first human beings cook their tubers? He specu-lates that they discovered the taste when tu-bers were accidentally baked in a grass fire triggered by lightning. But there is little evidence of the systemace use of fire, such as would be expected if baked roots became the nouvelle cuisine of the day.

The theory nevertheless has supporters, itself distract

including anthropologists from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City who argue that fires for cooking tubers might have been ephemeral, leaving few traces. Dr Wrangham admits that more evidence is needed. "There hasn't been enough satisfactory archaeology for people to get their teeth into." he says, suiting the metaphor to the subject.



Winds of change Enzyme ends the benefit nightjars run on reds

THE winds that demolished the woods of southern England in October 1987 blew in some good for the nightjar, a species that in the early 1980s looked set for extinction in

Britain. The 1981 count by the British Trust for Ornithology put the total at no more than 2,100 pairs. But by 1992, to general surprise. the numbers had increased to 3,400. In Biologist, the journal of the Institute of

Biology, Mike Everett, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, attributes the turnaround to changes in forestry practice and the great storm of October 1987. Night-jars are heathland birds, but they bave turned to clearings in forests as an alternative niche since heath has declined.

In 1981, commercially planted conifers began to be harvested for the first time on a big scale, and nightjars found the areas of clearfell greatly to their liking. The great storm was even better news, and it was followed by a second gale in January 1990. These brought down so many trees that the nightjars were able to use the glades and clear-ings provided to multiply. That this was the cause of the recovery was shown by deliberate felling at the RSPB's Minsmere reserve. which had similar effects.

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Some autistics, such as the character played by Dustin Hoffman in the film Rain Man, are often highly intelligent but are regarded as socially ode

The autistic mind

was almost an offence to be autistic. Children were institutionalised and, for many years, parents shoul-dered the erroneous belief that the condition was the con-sequence of "refrigerator" parenting. Emotional coldness from mothers in particular, psychologists asserted, could explain why their children grew up aloof, unaffectionate and adrift in the world of

social relationships. Once psychologists started peering into the minds of those with autism, however, medical thinking was transformed. Autism, which affects about

Scientists are using imaging equipment to gain an insight into how the brains of autistic children function. Anjana Ahuja reports

the brain. This is reinforced by

the finding that some patients

one child in 5,000, is now thought to be a mild form of brain damage. Now that scientists can look inside the brain to see how it functions, with the help of imaging equip-ment, the remarkable world inhabited by those with autism is being explored.

Foremost among the navigators is Dr Francesca Happé, senior cognitive psychologist at the Institute of Psychiatry in London. Dr Happe, 31, who will deliver the third lecture in the Scientists for the New Century series, sponsored by The Times and The Royal Institu-tion, prefers to think of autism as a form of "mind-blindness". It is a deficit in the ability to

mind-read, which most of us employ subconsciously in everyday life. It allows us to work out why people be-

that they do. "For example, take a Smarties tube which contains pencils instead of Smarties," Dr Happé says. "Most children would guess the tube contained Smarties rather than pencils. An autistic child, howev-

have in the way

er, would think that other children Francesca Happé would guess pencils. Because they know the tube contains pencils, they as-sume other children will auto-

matically know, too." This inability to guess what other people are thinking quickly becomes apparent in children. An autistic toddler will not respond to facial expressions. In extreme cases, there will be no speech or gesture. If there is language it is functional: when autistic children say "apple", it is their way of requesting one. They do not speak of their experiences, but they might act like a human tape recorder, repeating what other people say.

o them, language is, literal, so they are un-able to tell lies, understand jokes, cartoons or figures of speech. The child remains anchored in the physical world, preferring to play with real objects. Most fascinating. perhaps, are children at the so-called high-functioning end of the spectrum - they exhibit mild forms of autism such as Asperger's syndrome. It is these individuals, who are often highly intelligent but are regarded as socially odd, that Dr Happé chose to concentrate on for her post-doctoral research at the Medical Research Council Cognitive Development Unit, University College London.

She says: "High-functioning autistics are the kind of people, often men, who memorise the Latin names of every type of carrot and are captivated by train timetables, but are left cold by gossip or EastEnders. They want friends, but everything they do is socially wrong." The fact that they are

ty, suggests that the capacity to empathise with others is housed in a particular area of

with brain injuries in the right hemisphere display the symptoms of autism. However, we know that high-functioning autistic children often acquire a glimmer of awareness of what other people are thinking," says Dr Happe. "We found out by accident because parents would tell us that their child had managed to keep a secret or tell a small lie. To do these things, you need to be able to put yourself in someone else's shoes. It led to the idea that people

could make their way up the spectrum into the world of mind-reading." Did this mean that autistic people could suddenly acquire a natural ability to read minds? Indeed, when pre-

sented with scenarios such as the Smarties problem. a few individuals, particularly those competent at language, could perform well. However, not all their social problems disappeared. Dr Hap-

pé discovered that even though high-functioning autistics could pass the Smarties test, they would fall down at more sophisticated scenarios. "One story involved a conversation between someone who wanted to buy a kitten and a cat-lover selling them," she says. "When the buyer hesitated, the seller said 'If no one buys them, I'll drown them'. The participants generally knew the seller wouldn't drown the kittens, but didn't know why. They couldn't see that it was a ruse to get a sale." Her research has had practical, as well as academic, impact. Similar tests are used to assess autism in children and she has written a handbook on

the subject.
By scanning the brains of autistics and non-autistics while they studied stories, she discovered that the groups process the information using slightly different parts of the brain. So even though they appear to read social signals, they read them in a different way. "Rather than certain circuits

suddenly being switched on, it is as if the people with autism are using all their intelligence to work out what is going on. That's why autistics don't watch EastEnders — while we find it easy to understand the social intrigue, it's hard work

for them." Her next task is to

scan the brains of normal and

their brains deal with mindreading as they grow up.
Dr Happe thinks that as we come to know more about the disorder, people with autism will be appreciated for what

they can, rather than what they cannot, do. They are good at looking at details. They often have exceptional memories, and are predictable and logical, which makes them adept at interacting with computers. In fact, the coming century is going to be a good time for people with autism."



Why do some people find cartoons and soap operas as challenging as mental arithmetic? On Wednesday April 28, in How the Brain reads the Mind, Dr Francesca Happé from the Institute of Psychiatry will discuss how autism has come to be regarded as a form of "mind-blindness." She will also show how our brains allow us to guess what others are thinking.

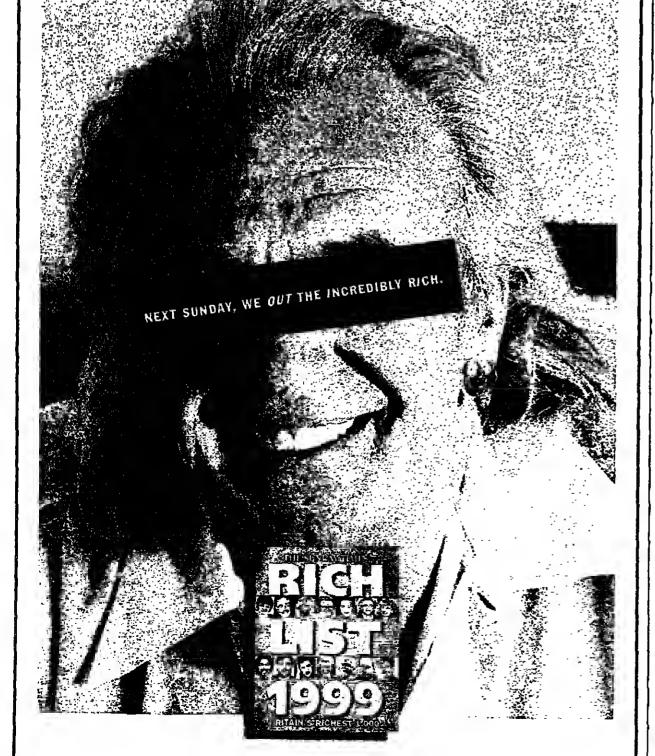
The lecture will be chaired by Professor Susan Greenfield, Director of The Royal Institution. Members of the audience will also be able to ask questions.

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Major booty at the Manhattan baby shower

the corner," orders Betsy, our hostess, leading us through to her crowded Madison Avenue sitting room and pointing to a Himalayan-like pile of boxes where the contempo-rary icons of serious consumerism are well represented. I spot the distinctive turquoise of Tiffany's, several grey boxes from Saks, a couple of black and silver Barneys bags and the blue and purple logo of Fifth Avenue's smartest department store, Bergdorf

Wow, that's some major booty going on," observes a rangy, blonde editor in a black Ralph Lauren pantsuit, who pours me a glass of cranberry juice. I place my own offering at the bottom of the teetering mountain, for what is becoming a regular feature of my Sunday afternoons: The Manhattan Baby Shower.

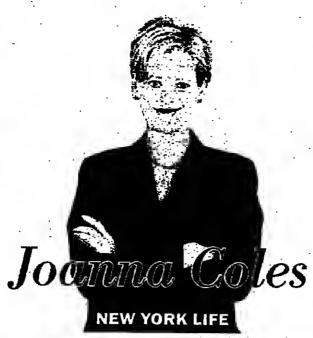
In London, my pregnant friends were far too supersti-tious to want presents before the baby was born. With typical British gloom, they felt that asking for Bunnykins mugs or a set of Beatrix Potter

would be tempting fate. But Americans embrace the future differently. And among Manhattan's professional women the baby shower, once mocked as a relic of the homemaker Fifties, is now back as a serious social event.

Today's crowd consists mainly of thirtysomething writers, executives and shrinks, and even though it's Sunday we are all dressed alike - in the black-suited uniform of the working woman. This is like a really great book launch, except there are no men," says Dani, this afternoon's guest of honour, who is a writer and university teacher. As is the convention. her baby is due in a month's time. Her husband has gone drinking with his father and will make his appearance, to thank us for showering his wife with gifts, at precisely

Nodding to the working week, the contemporary shower is hosted by a friend - on Sundays between 3pm and 5pm prompt — and follows a strict pattern.

For the first half-hour



guests are expected to mingle. sipping tea and nibbling cookies. This afternoon's fare, pre-pared by the host's husband (the only man allowed on the premises and still labouring in the kitchen) is a delicious as-

sortment of female finger food. Amid jugs of exploding red tulips there are platters of cucumber slices layered with Gruyère and tomato, endive boats loaded with Roquefort.

cate slivers of lemon and pop-

pyseed cake. "Attention girls, it's time for the gift-opening," calls Betsy. clapping her hands over the gossipy hubbub as we lay down our plates and take up our places in an obedient circle around the guest of honour. As is customary, one guest is appointed to select the order of gifts while another, armed with pen and paper, keeps track of who gave what A formal thank-you note is expected.

First up is a black and yellow box tied with a big yellow ribbon. Dani undoes the parcel. sifting through the layers of tissue paper until she pulls out a tiny black jacket and matching black trousers. She holds it up and the entire room of women, tough TV pro-ducers, ad executives and investigative reporters, burst out in unison: "Aaahhh!"

"It's beautiful," exclaims Dani, placing the suit back in the box and handing it round for each of us to inspect. The next gift is a Harrods teddy bear from London which she holds aloft. "Azahhh!" we all chorus again — each gift must be accorded the same level of attention so as not to offend the giver. For the next hour, we sit alternately cooing and ashing as gift after gift is un-wrapped and held up for our

approval. Musical mobiles, a

baby gym, cuddly toys, a silver rattle. two miniature denim jackets, baby cosmetics and dozens of brightly coloured onesies are piled on lop of each other.

But behind the Manhattan baby shower there can be serious social tension because it straddles that masource of female

angst - single-hood. Much more than weddings, the baby shower here marks the graduation of a woman from the collegiate sorority of girlfriends into the world of motherhood. And it is sometimes tinged with the wistfulness of a farewell party. For the unspoken realisation is that the intensity of children exists in most sociechildless friendships will probably be lost for ever.

It is particularly tricky for those who do not breed - a very substantial tribe of Manhattan females. I know, from having waited relatively late

before having my own baby shower, just how irritating The infant new mothers can be. And how biolois deified gy conspires to shrink their conversational horizons as their cerebrai lens zooms parents are right in to the

the high

sentative of the next generation. priests In an environment like Manhattan, where child-

close-up of their

lessness is common and where even those who do breed lend to do so very frugally, the baby shower marks the induction of the guest of honour into a new cult - the deification of the infant. I'm sure this exaggerated respect and solicitousness of small nes where small families have become the norm.

It is probably a function of rarity, in the same way that the elderly are venerated in the Third World where so few survive into old age. But Manhattan is the high temple of kiddie tyranny and the high priests and priestesses are the baby-boomers, the first generation to be brought up within the twin comforting arms of disposable income and consumer choice. It's no coincidence that juvenile designer labels have mushroomed recently, that suddenly it seems that even expensive restaurants have high tables here. that there are dozens of competing models of People Movers or Family Wagons, some of them now equipped with built-in TVs and videos for the

Feature-length cartoons are attracting unprecedented budgets and revenues as A Bug's Life competes with Ant: competes with Tov Story, All in all it's a great time to be having a kid in New York. It's

He points a rocket at my chest, finger on the trigger



In the second extract from his book, Chris **Moon** tells how he was kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge in the jungles of Cambodia

take the Land Rover round the edge of a large tree root. With metal detectors, first-aid kit, demolition equipment and six deminers on board, it's a full load. Mr Houn, the interpreter, is sitting next to me in the passenger seat. The truck following us is being driven by Sok. There are about 20 wornen and children in the rear.

I glance at my watch. It is nearly 1.10pm and we are approaching a large clearing. "Stop! Khmer Rouge!" shouts Mr Houn. For a moment I wonder if he is joking, but I have never heard

him shout before. "Where?" "In front," Mr Houn points. He's not wrong. I feel sweat prickle on my face and the backs of my hands tingle. There are at least 20 of them

along the tree line. I can hear my heart beating faster. There is no way we can drive through. There are too many of them and they are too heavily armed. If we try to reverse and they start firing.

there will be a massacre. They are running towards us, waving their weapons. I hope to God nobody starts shooting. Now I can see soldiers behind, too. We are surrounded. What should I do?

There isn't much choice. I must try to convince them that we are friendly and neutral. The worst thing would be to behave like a victim. I have to find the commander.

Two soldiers jog past me towards the truck, waving AK47s. They are shouting and gesticulating. In front of me, a Khmer Rouge soldier is moving forward. He is wearing the same uniform as the others but is carrying a pistol. This must be the commander. I walk towards him slowly.

As I get closer, he looks perplexed I smile, put my hands together and bow. I hold out my hand and say hello in my politest Khmer. "Soo-a s'day."

"Soo-a s'day." He shakes my hand and smiles the smile of a man who has been waitng for days to ambush someoody and has finally succeeded. He heads straight to the Land Rover with two soldiers and begins to search it. Thank

God we have no weapons. A soldier is running towards me, carrying a gun with a rifle-propelled grenade. He stops three feet away and points the rocket at my chest. His finger is on the trigger. He has wide, glazed eyes and as he shours, his nostrils flare like the snout of a pig. Still, I

Pig Face responds by bringing the rocket very close to my face. Time to take a step back. I bow humbly but keep my eyes on him. He motions with his rifle. I can see Mr Houn by the Land Rover, his face is a mask and he speaks quietly. "We must go over there or Khmer Rouge will kill us." We walk to the edge of the

clearing, where we are made to stand in a semicircle. The soldiers start to shout. "What are they saying. Mr Houn?"
"We must walk backwards to bushes and stand still." We

tiptoe backwards. . "Chop! Chop!" The soldiers shout at us to stop. Mr Houn looks worried. "They say we

must take off clothes." Slowly I undo the leather belt around my waist and place it and my Leatherman pouch on the ground. I know they will try to steal my watch, so I hide it in my fist.

I turn to Mr Houn: he looks worried. Fifteen years ago, mem-bers of his family were executed in front of him. I turn away from

Pig Face and start to undress. I slip my watch inside my boiler suit and down my boxer shorts.

There is silence, then one of the Khmer Rouge shouts and the soldiers berd us back into a horseshoe of dense thorn bush. There is no escape. There never has been.

Houn is tense. Finally he says: 'They say you can put clothes on.

I retrieve my watch, get dressed again, return to the Land Rover and slide into the driving seat. I hear the heavy splutter of the truck to my rear. Sok is driving with a soldier next to him. I understand the command. "We go."

As we move off, the soldiers start to walk away while the village people stand looking shocked. At least they are safe. I drive slowly. There is a flash and thunder. Raindrops fall like giant tears and mynos-

" une 1993: I jerk the steer- must try to be sociable. I bold trils fill with the smell of soil screen is steaming up. I must keep trying, "Please tell him my name is Chris and I am British. What is his name? Silence. Hour pauses, then

says, "Mr Red."
"I have never seen rain this heavy." Houn's expression tells me that conversation is a risk he would prefer not to take. But we have to try. I watch Mr Red. He looks at me before speaking. "It rains more in the forest and it's cooler." Houn looks surprised.

There are many people who will worry about us. Can I tell them that we are OK?" After translation, the response is uncompromising. "Sorry, not possible. My boss not allow."

Up ahead there is a clearing.

Huts with sides
and roofs of brown thatch are dotted Automatic among small fields. I park by a pagoda. weapon On my right, three soldiers are squatting in the shade. fire echoes They wave me for-ward and start around walking. I march a pace behind the one in front Bethe hind me, Houn stares through the clearing windscreen.
There are about

20 huts and a building that looks like a washroom. One side of it is open, and there is a table and two chairs. A soldier motions me to the chair nearest the wall.

the others walk away. I have heard stories. They hang people by their hands and beat them with rods, rope or bamboo. They tie them in the hot sun. In the wet season there is water torture. Scorpions are held with pliers and played slowly over the body to make the victim beg to be smashed in the head with a

hoe, or shot. It is 4.40pm. The commander smiles, shakes hands and before sitting down, says awkwardly: "I would like to help you." He speaks slowly as he consults a Thai/English phrase book. What country are you from?"

"United Kingdom." "Why you come Cambo-dia?" I tell him. "To help the

THURST !

'This is the moment I've been

waiting for. I'm going to run again'

people by clearing mines." have no margin for error. "Why you come my area?" I try not to sound angry. "Soldiers make us." He laughs. He

knows we were kidnapped. After nearly half an bour, two soldiers bring in Houn. The commander gestures to the chair next to me, and Houn sits. "Before they not trust me. Now he say they will

use me as interpreter.

The people call him Mr. Clever because he went to primary school. He will try to

Suddenly I strain my ears and scan the horizon. I can hear a helicopter. Soldiers start running everywhere. I must reassure Mr Clever. I say "Dtay panyaha. No prob-lem: UNTAC belicopter."

Without warning, the deaf-ening sound of automatic weapons erupts around the clearing and shatters my hopes. It was going so well.

r Clever and I exchange glances, then he looks at the ground. The commander did not give the order to fire. All my fears are justified. The lowest common denominator rules in this place of darkness. The helicop-

ter heads away. Mr Clever looks at me through narrowed eyes. Houn speaks with the resignation of the condemned man. "Now helicopter come, he cannot

guarantee our security."
Then, behind Mr Clever, I see a little man running across the clearing. He is clutching a piece of paper, which Mr Clever takes, reads - and then smiles. Mr Houn explains: "It tell him we are neutral, what you tell him already." The heli-copter was only dropping leaflets. But now, will Mr Clever

let us go.....? As we approach the town, people run over to us, waving and saying hello. Men come up and shake our hands. Children start to follow us and women hold up their little ones to wave.

Houn says: 'They think Khmer Rouge kill us. They happy we alive and thank us for clearing the mines." Just for a moment, we are all happy. I nod my head and turn away. I don't want him to

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Macedonia deserves Short shrift

The West has another Balkan

mess to fix, says James Pettifer

ter. But she has a wonderful ability to disregard convention-al wisdom, hit nails on the head and reflect basic British decency and common sense. On Monday, in the chaos of the Brazde refugee camp. she touched a raw nerve. Her response to the humanitarian crisis was more than an alarm call to the West. It raised deep issues about the Former Yugoslav Reputilic of Macedonia, currently home to Nato's nascent ground force, and highlighted the need for a tough Western policy not just to-wards Serbia but also in our dealings with the Skopje

Macedonia has been oppressing minorines for most of its life. Ever since it became independent from Belgrade in 1991. Macedonia has been rampantly ann-Albanian and discriminated against the massive minority populations of Muslims, pro-Bulgarian Slav-speakers, ethnic Turks and

Bui the Wesi has fêted Skopje's ruler. President Gligorov, as a moderate, its support for his attempts to achieve "stability" have acted as a quiet way of helping Serbia. In an unstable region, the apparent civic peace in Macedonia has looked to be a

rare Balkans success story.
But there has been a high price to pay in civil liberties Skopje has and human rights. Massive economic always support has been provided by the IMF, but there has oppressed been no payback in minority democratisation of

the Titoist political system. Although the situation had groups improved by last autumn, the 1994 Macedonian election was one of the most corrupt foreign observers had

ever seen. Real political pow-

er, in any case, rests with the

pro-Serb, Communist-domi-

nated Ministry of the Interior. The original state and its borders were a child of Stalinto the Macedonian Question that bedevilled the late Ottoman Europe. Under Tito, the socialist republic of Macedonia was a garden suburb of Serbia, used for cheap holidays, wine and food, the bottom of the Yugoslav heap in every way. A pro-Belgrade Skopje elite was built up, a motley collection of hardline Communists who were really Serbs thinly disguised as "Macedonians". They justified their hegemony through a manufactured history which was closer to mythology. But as long as all was peace and quiet, it didn't seem to matter

Beneath the surface, however, there is a very dark side to Macedonia. A side stained by Serb influence, and tainted by criminal money. The elite made millions by breaking United Nations sanctions against Serbia. In 1994 I remember sitting at the border checkpoint at night — the same place where the refugees are now suffering - watching convoys of fuel waved through speeding towards

War criminals such as Arkan have substantial property business interests in Skopje

I lare Shori may not be and the town's casinos are a everyone's idea of a haven for Bosnian Serb, Monnatural Cabinet ministenegrin money-launderers and their cigarette smuggling money. Zoran Janakovic, the Yugoslav Ambassador and a close crony of President Milo-sevic, wields huge influence in Skopje. His writ runs in places that Western diplomacy cannot reach. It is the dark side of

Macedonia that we have witnessed this week, in its con-temptuous treatment of the refugees. But despite the prot-estations, there is no good reason why most Kosovan refugees cannot stay in Macedonia. The west, where most Albanians live, is fertile and not overpopulated. Massive short-term help is needed, but that is all. The last thing that most refugees want is to be torn from a potentially sup-portive rural Islamic environment and relocated in some bleak hostel in Stockholm or Dagenham. The fuss about the ride of refugees is almost entirely political; if they re-main for any length of time in Macedonia, they will not desta-

trilise the state, only the privi-leged bosses with their old nomenklatura connections. But the West must tackle this issue, and quickly. It is time foreign ministers saw the

Skopje government system for what it really is — a relic of communism that needs rapid democratisation. If they do not, and widespread disorder breaks out, the communist dino-saurs will bring

down the roof on the state itself. As the entire state is essentially financed by the IMF, the power ex-ists to force through rapid through

change. The Government has made some genuinely helpful gestures to improve ethnic relations, such as the release of all political prisoners from jail. but much more needs to be done. Higher education in the

Albanian language needs full

legitimisation and public spending must be fairly directhe Macedonian and Greek Governments must be put under more pressure to resolve the name of the state, a long-running sore that prevents normal ties between Skopje and its natural economic partners in Salonika and prosperous, EU-orientated northern Greece. Turkey must be stopped from playing cheap politics with Skopje over national

issues to irritate Athens. But events are moving very fast, and some of these and other human rights reforms may be too late to prevent chaos and fragmentation. Nato should prepare plans for a de facto protectorate, as all previous history of the Macedonian Question shows that a crisis in Macedonia has been the catalyst for a much wider Balkan war. It is an unpleasant reality that should be faced if the darkness is not to spread over the whole southern Bal-

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Patriots for peace

oltaire would have found life difficult in today's La-bour Party. Where is the space for principled dis-sent? Scotland's election campaign opened yesterday, and even before it began it had been marred by unattractive intolerance, and not from the Nationalists. Alex Salmond's entirely principled opposi-tion to Nato's bombing of Serbia. which he claims has strengthened President Milosevic and worsened the plight of the Kosovan Albanians, drew a cheap, sneering response from Robin Cook. The SNP leader's criticisms of the offensive against Serbla, or at least the present airstrikes, have made him "the toast of Belgrade", says the Foreign Secretary, and "simply unfit to lead" in Scotland because he was "standing shoulder to shoulder. was "standing shoulder to shoulder with Milosevic".

A glance at the history books would show Mr Cook that, far from making them untit to lead, opposing wars has afforded British politicians a fast track into office. When the Tory press misrepre-

MacDonald's principled stand against the Great War as pro-German, it was rightly condemned in Labour circles as an unwarranted slur on his patriotism. Now that new Labour tries the same trick, we are told it is within the bounds of legitimate political discourse.

But the career of MacDonald should cause Mr Cook to reflect. Denounced as a traitor and pacifist in 1914 when he was neither. MacDonald became, for a time, the most unpopular man in Britain. He lost his West Leicester seat in the December 1918 election by 14,000 votes. Yet only six years later he was Prime Minister, borne to power by an electorate that by 1924 largely agreed with his assertion that the war had "put back the clock of civilisation a century in four years".

The Prime Minister during that war had been David Lloyd George. also no pacifist, who had virulently opposed the Boer War only 14 years before. Like Mr Salmond today, he believed Britain was committing an "unpardonable folly" fighting an aggressive war of "dubious legality". Both men said that while British servicemen deserved support, the politicians who deployed them deserved only criticism.

For his stand, Lloyd George was burnt in effigy in Criccieth, bludgeoned at Bangor, and escaped from a riot in Birmingham, in which two

Labour is wrong to denounce critics of this conflict. Dissent is honourable, argues Andrew Roberts

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people died, only by dressing up as a policeman. "The man who tries to make the flag an object of a single party is a greater traitor to that flag than any man who fires at it," said Lloyd George, in words that Mr. Salmond could reiterate with profit against Mr Cook. As the sheen of imperialism faded with the knowledge of the methods by which the Boer War was finally won, Lloyd George's career was boosted. Britain has a long and honour-

able tradition of brave politicians opposing wars they consider wrongful, and their stands have rarely harmed them in the long run. William Pitt the Elder denounced the American War of

Independence and the Prime Minister, Lord North, offered to resign proved right. Lord Salisbury opposed the Crimean War, and it only enhanced his reputation for independent thought and action. Charles James Fox even opposed the Napoleonic Wars in 1803, but it did not prevent him from becoming Foreign Secretary

three years later. For Mr Salmond to join this distinguished roll call of objectors augurs well for his future. Unlike the Second World War or the Falklands conflict, where the issues were clear-cut and the objectors few and generally extremist, Nato's first aggressive war in half a century has raised understandable

doubts in the minds of many Britons who would normally support the organisation. Despite the engagement of British servicemen abroad, it is not unpatriotic, as Mr Cook would have us believe, to question the nature of this war, and in particular his own department's blithe disregard for the all-important Law of Unintended Consequences. For all that we are told by Nato's Jamie Shea that the "surgical operations" have been a success, it is impossible not to notice that the natient has inconveniently died. Perhaps the supporters of Nato. people who cheered its bloodless

victory over the Warsaw Pact and admired its half-century of Western solidarity, were always being oversanguine. They were hoping that for once in history a genuinely defen-sive alliance would not succumb to the fatal temptation of enlargement and self-aggrandisement. Here, they believed, was an organisation that was not so arrogant as to rewrite its uniquely successful foun-ding charter. Instead, predictably enough, it ripped up the pledge not to expand itself 300 miles eastwards, given verbally to Mikhail Gorbachev at the time Russia allowed the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Instead of acting cautiously and modestly, in accord with its development since April 1949, Nato has Opposing hegemonically. sian nationalism at pre-cisely the time that it can do most danger. It has acted in the same way politicians that every overmighty political entity has done since Nineveh and Tyre with, one day doubtless, the same doomed result. Despite their enormous individual contributions to the creation

and administration of

the British Empire, the Scottish are not quite so collectively jingoistic as the rest of the United Kingdom. It was no accident, as Roy Jenkins stated in his biography of Gladstone, that the constituency of Midlothian was chosen for the Liberal leader to deliver his philippics against Disraeli's "Forward" policies, which had led to much bloodshed in Zululand and Afghanistan. "It was a story that was to repeat itself in minor key," adds Jenkins, "just over a hundred years later when Scotland was noticeably cool on the Falklands war." It was cooler still over the Gulf War.

If Mr Salmond is accurately articulating what the opinions of his people might be in a few years' time about this latest adventure, sharing an opinion of the war that stretches across the political kaleidoscope from Tony Benn's Radicals to Alan Clark's High Tories, then Mr Cook's smears will prove as myopic as they are historically illiterate. For nowhere in Labour's 1997 manifesto was a mandate requested so to alter the nature of Nato as to unleash a war on a state which posed no threat to any Nato member.

There might have been a case to make for an all-out ground war liberation of Kosovo, or for arming the Kosovan Liberation Army to fight the West's battle as the Mujahidin did in Afghanistan in the 1980s, or even for telling the Kosovan Albanians to try to make the best of their oppression as it was beyond Nato's remit to interfere in the internal affairs of sovereign states. Yet there is no case to be made for the present embarrassed, lukewarm and hugely counter-pro-ductive policy, and Mr Salmond is not "standing shoulder to shoulder" with Mr Milosevic for saying so.

he historian A.J.P. Taylor used to say that the two World Wars were essential-ly fought between the British House of Commons and the continued unabated throughout the two wars in Britain; indeed both Herbert Asquith and Neville Chamberlain, who led the nation into the conflicts, were removed by the political process during them. The fact that free, informed debate carries on during the wars which Britain fights enormously strengthens her sense of moral superiority. This can be a tangible wartime asset. As Richard Overy's seminal book on the Second World War, Why the Allies Won, puts it: "Whatever the rights and wrongs of the Allied cause, the belief that they fought on the side of righteousness equipped them with a powerful moral armament", which translated

itself into better morale. No greater manifestation of a country's commitment to the great liberal values can be imagined than openly disputing the merits of a war while it is still being fought. As John Simpson reports from Belgrade, it is not happening there, any more than t does in any authoritarian regime. By resorting to gross misrepresentation and name-calling, the Government risks stopping such valuable criticism happening here too.

The author's biography of Lord Salisbury will be published in September.

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Duke's snub

AN OFFER by the Duke of Edinburgh to participate in nea month's opening of the Welsh assembly has been spurned. The discourtesy is adding to royal anxiety about the sidelining of the Oueen and her family from the ceremonies heralding the inauguration of the Celtic parliaments.

The Duke suggested that he might read a lesson during the service at Llandass Cathedral in Cardiff, which is being held before the opening to mark the event. The Duke and the Prince of Wales will be accompanying the Queen to the ecumenical service which has been organised by Cytun, a body repre-senting churches in Wales.

But I hear the organisers have declined the ducal overture, explain-

ing that they "would prefer some-one who is Welsh to give the reading". With an emphasis on promoting an image of Cool Cymru during the opening functions, the chances are the lectern will now be taken by the likes of Tom Jones or Shirley Bassey.

DEJAN NIKOLIC, the organiser of the Belgrade Marathon, has reassured me that the race will go ohead this month as plonned, olthough numbers will be down Runners will bolt past the smoking ruins of the Interior Ministries, police ocademy and



SUSAN PATTERSON. American soprano appearing at the Coliseum for three months, is homesick. As Margarita in the homesick. As Margarita in the ENO's production of Mephistopheles, in Act III she is supposed to sing: "I see it clearly, the alley leading straight to Martha's garden." But last week. Patterson (above) experienced a moment that Freud would have appreciated and same instead: "The alley leading sang instead: "The alley leading straight to Martha's Vineyard."

AFTER German dancers imported their own soil for a show of Sadler's Wells, a Taiwanese group has gone one better: Cloud Gate Dance Theatre has brought in three tonnes of rice for its debut at the Islington theatre next week.

■ WHILE the BBC urges its staff to be sensitive about using the word British, James Boyle has made a rare apology for an example of crass anti-Semitism on Radio 4.

The Controller has expressed his regrets to the Board of Deputies of British Jews over a reference to pig's organs in The Ghost at No 10. Mr Boyle acknowledged it was "offensive to Jews, made fun of their religious beliefs and pandered to stereotypes of Jewish people".

'EDWARD , SOMEBODY WANTS TICKETS FOR THE FIRST NIGHT!

CHAIR PORT



UNISON, the union for town hall workers, is considering applying Best Value criteria, new Labour's excuse for sacking roadsweepers and the like, to its El million contribution to the party in the hope of halving the donation.

TORIES in Richmond Park. Jeremy Hanley's former seat on the Thames, are eyeing up Chris Patten as their candidate. Hanley, the erstwhile chairman, lost the last election, and has let it be known that he does not intend to challenge the Liberal Democrat incumbent's near-3,000 majority. "Chris already has a house here

and could easily beat the Libs." gushes one Tory. Bul Lavender, his wife, could be an obstacle: "She would need a lot of persuading after his humiliation at Bath."

A Tate gallery spokesman has opologised that Chris Burden's sculpture. When Robots Rule: The Two Minute Airplane Factory, has suffered a mechanical breakdown-

EDWARD WELSH

'Millions of hopeful couples are keenly pursuing love's young dream of a big house on Easy Street with sponsors winding round the door' the entire staff of Hello! doomed to disappointmajor pith and moment are Times, say, declaring you had just heard the first millennial

p until very recently. Wee Willie Winkie, as you may have heard, ran through the town, upstairs and downstairs, in his nightgown. He did this every evening. to ensure that all the children were in bed. But he does not do that, now. Now, every evening, he runs only upstairs, to his own bed, and he stays there. He does not run downstairs at all. Mrs Winkie, having run upstairs a minute earlier, will not let him. She will not let him wear his night-gown, either. That is because the Winkies no longer give a tuppenny damn about anybody else's children. They are obsessed only with conceiving one of their own. For this is, quite literally, a seminal moment in the Winkies' lives, and if it is the right seminal moment, then, in nine months' time, the Winkies will be in clover: if, that's to say. an extremely wee Willie Winkie

pops squawking out of Mrs Winkie at the last bong of midnight 1999, and thus becomes the first millennial baby. the world will beat a path to their

Laying, as it beats, a ttrandnew path, hanging a brand-new door, and building a brand-new house behind it, full of brandnew furniture. The world will then put a brand-new car in the brand-new Winkie garage, and a brand-new satellite dish on the Winkie roof, severally to include a lifetime supply of free petrol and a lifetime supply of free television channels. Very soon thereafter, lifetimes of free rusks. free toys, free clothes, free holidays, free banjo lessons, free health insurance, free dry-cleaning, free MCC membership, free houseplants, all manner of free gee-gaws and services, will wend their eager way to Chez Winkie, to say nothing of Max Clifford.

magazine, and, naturally, Mr and Mrs Tony Blair, doubtless bearing a lifetime supply of free initiatives. But it is, of course, a

lottery, and you may therefore be sure that the Winkies are far from alone in hopefully taking a nightly punt According to informed sources down at The Gynaecologist and

Duck, this first week of April is critical, which is why the nation's nocturnal streets are eerily deserted and their houses atypically dark, if not exactly silent: from Land's End to John o'Groat's, millions of hopeful couples are keenly pursuing love's young dream of a big house on Easy Street with sponsors winding round the door. That millions-minus-one are

ment does not stay them for a moment though who can say it mightn't be the clincher if it did, this is horse-

shoe-nail country, a moment is a long time on the cusp of a millennium. a moment too early or too late and millions-minus-one will be looking at parental lifetimes of unfree everything, never mind missing the neighbourhood fireworks

party through being either pregnantly immobile or sitting in a maternity bed with an armful of unsubsidised new liability howling for the nipple. But I am not here, even if I seem to be meandering that way, to ponder the morality or catas-

trophe of the current procrea-

tional shenanigans: I am here, as

I generally am when things of

afoot, to ponder what might be in is for me. For while I break no confidences in saying that Mrs Coren and I are not ourselves going for the title - physiological realities must be faced. hanging nursery wallpaper is definitely out, with my back - that is not to say we are hors de combat in the matter of millennial freebies. In a culture as egregiously opportunist as ours, there must be umpteen other profitable strokes

haven't yet hit upon the ideal, mind, and wouldn't tell you if I had, but let me be merous enough to toss you a few suggestions which, for those readers similarly disinclined to spend next January changing nappies yet keen to make a fast bob or two, would probably do in a pinch. A midnight fax to The

cuckoo might well secure a lifetime of free hearing aids, a cannily flattened tyre would allow you to make the first AA breakdown call of the millennium, surely bringing you free lifetime bracket-clock insurance. a chance to win a stylish timeshare on the Welsh Riviera, and a scale model of Lord Montagu, and becoming the first person in Y2K to join the for enterprising greedies to pull at the stroke of 2000. Conservative Party would almost certainly mean a lifetime of free lawnmowing and shoeshines from William and Ffion.

Then again, why not kill two millennial birds with one stone? Start celebrating on December 1 and, one nano-second after December 31, turn up al your nearest all-night chemist with 2000's first hangover. You could be looking at a lifetime of free Alka-Seltzer.



THE FINAL TEST

Monetary union should not be the gateway to political union

FIVE TESTS

FOR EUROPE

At a time when Europe's capacity for unity and international leadership has been so tragically questioned in the Balkans, it may seem troubling to discuss the issue of whether the single currency will create a political federation in Europe. Yet the human catastrophe in the former Yugoslavia should act as a reminder of the dangers of imposing artificial political templates on the he patchwork of national identities and

ical reality in Europe. When tical reality in Europe. When to the final to the persuade the British public to persuade the British public to the manual to the monetary union. The times suggested five tests that the project should meet before during the project should meet before ihord. his Government could consider held by calling a referendum. The fifth and most

The stands of these related to the political which implications of monetary union. Despite Mr Blair's breezy assurance that the there is no overriding constitutional objection" to monetary union, this fear of a march towards political unification remains the most important reason for Toler popular hesitation about the single currenin cy in Britain. The Prime Minister insists "phay, that fears about a drive towards deeper political integration are either irrelevant or history i vastly exaggerated. But most of the political leaders in EMU countries hold the opposite view. It may be, of course, that Mr Blair is right and continental politicians and central bankers are mistaken. Before Britain even contemplates joining EMU. there needs to be strong evidence that Mr Blair's view about the nature of monetary

union is going to prevail. The first test of the political implications of EMU relates simply to the ideological dynamics of Europe. Before the Prime Minister can even hope to be believed on the political innocuousness of EMU, there will have to be an end to the rhetoric from Brussels, Berlin, Paris and Rome about the political "deepening" of Europe. At present many European leaders continue to advocate curtailing national vetoes. Mr Blair can argue that all this is mere rhetoric, but as long as the leaders of Europe continue to be driven by federalist aspirations, it will be logical to conclude that they will use EMU to drive forward this project.

This is particularly true because of the second implication of monetary union. The single currency, by its very existence, will create economic forces which could encourage deeper political integration. By eliminating currency adjustments, EMU will focus attention on the competitive implications of divergent wage levels, tax structures and social security arrangements

across Europe. As a result Germany and other high tax, high wage countries may try to impose their high costs on the rest of Europe by campaigning for majority voting on taxes and for restrictions on working conditions and "social dumping". A third source of pressure for

political co-ordination may arise from the EMU stability pact and the impact of future economic crises on different European countries. In the United States, when Texas falls into recession, its citizens pay less tax to Washington and receive more social benefits, while those of booming states pay proportionately more and receive less. This creates an automatic, but strictly temporary, redistribution mechanism that tends to reduce the impact of regional booms and busts. In Europe, no such mechanisms exist. While economists will argue about the theories behind this issue, the reality will be tested as soon as a part of Europe is hit by economic crisis. Britain must see firm evidence that

pressures for a bigger federal budget do

not, in practice, intensify. A fourth source of political problems arises from the institutions created by EMU. The stability pact imposes limits on public borrowing by EMU countries. If the European Central Bank involves itself in Europe's fiscal debates, as the Bundesbank did in Germany, the pressures will mount for European finance mininsters to co-ordinate their fiscal policies and speak with one voice. EMU is also creating a culture of unanimity for members of the Euro-II in their international dealings, with the G7, the IMF and the US. If such pressures for European unity keep mounting, they will present a final, decisive, argument against Britain joining EMU. Britain would suffer an irreversible erosion of its limited, but distinctive, influence on the world stage.

SERBS BEARING GIFTS

A cynical ceasefire offer that Nato has rightly dismissed

Nato's military commanders and political envy. President Milosevic is well aware of "I initiative from Serbia in advance of the Orthodox Easter weekend. They had also given warning in advance that "hollow half-measures" would not be allowed to stop the bombing. However, even the most hardened observer of Balkan politics could not have been prepared for the extraordinary performance by Vuk Draskovic, the Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister, in televised appearances yesterday. Mr Draskovic calmly announced the predicted temporary ceasefire with all due flourish but added that the one million or more Kosovan Albanian refugees were welcome to return to their homeland.

This proclamation is unlikely to be received with rapture on the Macedonian border. Even if Kosovan Albanians were inclined to forget the events of the recent past and place their faith in the words of the Serbian authorities, they have ashes not houses to return to. This is such an utterly shameless diplomatic "offer" that Saddam Hussein must have felt a sense of

serious negotiations to be reopened. He continues to show little interest in them.

If Mr Milosevic shows the slightest sign of slowing his onslaught on the Kosovans this week, it will be because he feels that he has already succeeded in meeting his objectives. The terror sown over the past two weeks may well have been enough by itself to persuade every single Kosovo Albanian to bead towards the border. The only realistic prospect of their ever heading home will come if Nato's bombing alters the balance of power in Belgrade.

There is one aspect of the Draskovic statement that should be taken seriously. The Serbian leadership might be inclined to conclude an "internal settlement" with those members of the Kosovan political class whom it holds captive. A deal of this form would be no more acceptable than the latest nominal "ceasefire". Mr Milosevic's main aim over the next few days will be to spread division among the Nato nations, not to reconcile Kosovo with Serbia.

CHALK AND CHEESE

Blunkett should be supported on performance-related pay

David Blunkett's proposals on teaching salaries are, according to Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, speaking yesterday, a "tyranny" that represents the "greatest challenge" to the NUT in a century and upon which rests "the future of the education service in England and Wales". The policies pursued by the Prime Minister, he declared, were simply "disaster, disaster, disaster" for the teaching profession. The same blueprint was stoutly defended by Estelle Morris. the Schools Minister, who told a sceptical audience at the conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers that she was prepared to be "flexible" and that for the first 12 months the new scheme would be "voluntary".

This rhetoric might lead an innocent observer to conclude that Tony Blair and Mr Blunkett are setting out to slash classroom salaries. The truth is that the Government plans to spend an extra El billion on pay over the next two years but mends to direct these additional resources towards the most talented teachers. An aspect, but not the only element, of this package involves whether an individual leacher's efforts translate into improving results for pupils. This is the "outrage" that led to Mr Blunkett's heckling by the NUT on Saturday and Mr McAvoy's outburst.

The NUT now plans to call for a ballot on a one-day strike as part of its campaign of industrial activity. The teaching unions believe that Mr Blunkett can be forced into diluting his ideas beyond recognition. The Secretary of State should not buckle at this blackmail. The Government has offered enough concessions on this issue already. These proposals represent the means by

which teaching salaries can be increased in a fashion that will not divert resources from the central task of raising standards.

The NUT executive would, it seems, prefer equality of poverty to differential affluence. It argues that either the task of evaluating merit among teachers is impossible or that to do so would be enormously divisive. Mr McAvoy has claimed that it would be invidious to make distinctions among those who are performing the same basic functions. On this logic, the salaries bill at Manchester United and Macclesfield Town should be identical.

Teachers rightly aspire for their occupation to be recognised as a "profession". One of the most elementary features of a profession is that of individual contracts, not collective bargaining. Performance-related pay may well be rotten news for full-time union officials. It is, however, a real opportunity for ordinary teachers.

Mr McAvoy's opposition is not, however, very surprising. The most astonishing aspect of this whole saga is that David Willetts, the Shadow Education Secretary. seems to be supporting the unions. Mr Willetts has condemned strike threats but believes Mr Blunkett would be "making a serious mistake if he presses ahead with a scheme which the whole profession considers unworkable". Conservative ministers. correctly, never permitted the NUT a de facto velo on policy when they held office. The Tories should be pushing Mr Blunkett to go faster and further in the direction that he is taking. Mr Willetts will be making a serious mistake if he presses ahead with a position that the vast majority of voters. including almost all Conservative sympathisers, will consider utterly incredible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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KLA resistance to Serb 'brutality'

From Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Can I suggest, if Nato is unable to deploy ground forces to Kosovo in support of its air operations, that there is an alternative strategy which is worth contemplating. This is to give fully-fledged support to the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), whose insurgency now stands to benefit from the diminution of Serb strength on the ground arising from Nato's air

attacks. The congenital weakness of the KLA could now be reversed by enabling it to exploit four features of the strategic situation which are likely to develop as spring passes into

1. The existence of a greatly weak-ened adversary on the ground in

2. The existence of a unifying cause arising from the brutalisation of the ethnic Albanian population by the Serbs which could encourage fierce resistance to oppression and expulsion.

 Favourable geographical features which can be exploited in guerrilla warfare.

4. The existence of outside support from the world's best armed military

Clearly, the KLA's strategic aims would be full independence for Kosovo but with entrenched rights for the Serb population, guaranteed by the presence of a Nato peace-enforced contingent, similar to those now deployed in Bosnia under the rubric of an international peace agreement.

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS, The Institute of Economic and Political Studies. Instep Cambridge, Warkworth House, Warkworth Terrace, Cambridge CBI 1EE.

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, The Rabbis said, "He who saves a life saves a world". Members of the Jewish community like myself must be thrilled by the courage and compassion shown by Clare Short as she led Kosovan refugees into the Macedonian relief camp (report. April 6). Sent by her Government only to observe, as an individual she felt com-

Had we had politicians of her like in the 1940s, how many millions of Jews, Gypsies and others might have been saved through this example?

Sir Alfred Sherman deplores Nato going beyond its remit as a defensive alliance (letter, April 6). Clare Short may be ushering us into a new political age which reflects the public view that governments can no longer act purely out of self-interest.

People now seem ready for soldiers to die to save the lives of the persecuted out of a sense of a common humanity.

No wonder Saddam Hussein is the only Arab leader supporting a government which is victimising his own co-religionists (report, April ti). He knows that the determination of Nato to prevent oppression without regard to national boundaries spells an end for all dictators who, through their awesome brutality, terrorise their citizens and neighbouring states into submission.

Faithfully SIDNEY BRICHTO (Senior Vice-President, Union of Liberal & Progressive Synagogues). The Montagu Centre, 21 Maple Street, WIP 6DS. bevtaylor@aol.com Anril 6.

From Mr Larry Rushion

Sir, Clare Short, a British minister, is presumably a guest in Macedonia (today's front page). Therefore she should not be publicly urging its government officials to disobey instructions

This is particularly offensive when they are struggling to cope with a refugee problem greatly aggravated by British government actions.

Yours sincerely LARRY RUSHTON, 10 Smith Close. Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DW. Артіі б.

From Professor Emeritus Philip S. James

Sir, fs it not folly for a pot to call a kettle black? Is it not a war crime for us and our bomb-happy Allies to endanger the lives of our gallant servicemen by raining down death and destruction upon open cities?

One can only reflect that an untutored generation can hardly be expected to recall the twin lessons of the 19th century that a nation's internal affairs are its own and that punitive expeditions have usually done more harm than good.

Permit me, Sir. to prophesy that, faced as we now appear to be with a consensus of informed opinion against this ominously dangerous piece of folly. Mr Blair would do well to execute one of his customary political retreats.

Yours faithfully PHILIP S. JAMES, Chestnut View, Mill Lane, Whitfield, Brackley, Northamptonshire NN13 5TQ.

April 2

Child's right to British nationality

From Sir Dick Pantlin

Sir, Mr James Wilde (letter, March 27) describes the Foreign Secretary's move to restore full British citizenship to the islanders of Tristan da Cunha as "a just, if belated, restoration of their nightful status".

It is to be hoped that the Foreign Secretary will correct a further unjustifiable omission by ensuring that second-generation children of British citizens born in continental EU countries do not automatically lose their right to pass on British nationality, no doubt in the belief that they will have "gone native".

It is of great importance to Britain that more and more families decide to set up homes and create businesses in continental Europe. Their children and grandchildren will learn foreign languages and be used to working in a foreign culture, thus becoming ideal candidates later to work in the UK or abroad for British interests. These restrictions do not apply to those "in Crown service, yet families in busi-ness and other professions are treated differently, which is absurd.

This matter could be solved by but a tiny alteration to the same Act ("birth in these States being equivalent to birth in the UK"), could not take more than a few minutes of parliamentary time, cannot possibly meet with poli-tical opposition, is within the spirit of EU legislation which encourages mobility of labour, and would avoid condemning a child - who might well wish in due course to return to Britain - to a future linked to the actions of his or her parents and grandparents.

It is doubtful if the number of persons involved in the next few years would equal the present population of the Pitcairn Islands, but an important step will have been taken to encourage the greater involvement of British families in continental Europe. This will be necessary whatever may be the precise future nature of Britain's links with that area.

Yours sincerely: DICK PANTLIN 11 Avenue de Mercure, Brussels B.1180.

From Mr Piers Litherland

Sir. I know of no ancestor of mine born outside Britain. And yet, under the terms of current British naconality legislation, I am unable 10 pass on my inherited British nationality to my children because I happened to be born outside Britain in the then British territory of Rhodesia.

I am only British "by descent". In this respect. I am less British than any child born in Britain - even a child born to a refugee, illegal immigrant or tourist with no previous connection of any sort with this country.

In the one case an accident of birth conveys full Briosh citizenship, in my own it denies it. Can this be right?

remain yours etc PIERS LITHERLAND, Flat 3. 10a/b Stanley Beach Road, Stanley, Hong Kong.

Speed traps

From Mr T. Keith Toylor

Sir. Mr R. J. Butler (letter, March 31) criticises the publication of details of speed-control measures. Surely the use of cameras and the like is to reduce traffic speeds to the legal level and not primarily to entrap motorists.

T. KEITH TAYLOR, Acers, II Green Oak Road, Watton, Norfolk 1P25 6BE.

From Mr.A. G. E. White

Sir, Recently browsing the microfiche of The Times for August 1914 for Open University work, 1 was surprised to note, in passing, two editorial features advising motorists of the positioning of speed traps. I did not see any adverse comment from the police.

Have we become too subservient?

Yours humbly, ARCHIE WHITE, 11 Tynedale Court, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster DN3 IRN.

Irked by inaction

source of supply.

From Mr Chris Ogilvie-Taylor

Sir, Any sympathy that I had for our

manufacturing industry in decline has fast evaporated following my

recent experience of trying to place business on behalf of a large retailer, with a UK manufacturer of printed

fabrics, rather than the usual Far East

My brief was for fabric finished as a

fashion accessory, which required a certain amount of handworking. Eve-

ryone I spoke to could print the fabric

but didn't want to do the finishing: so

Not one company out of the 12 that I

called had the gumption to ask for

more details, take my name, or say

they'd look into it and get back to me. I

got the impression that it all sounded

too much trouble to them, and as it

they suggested a competitor!

didn't fit exactly with what they'd been doing for the last 20 years, they'd be best to let it pass.

With such a large order at stake, we've returned to sourcing from outside the UK but this experience leaves me bemused and exasperated. I'm quite sure that those dozen companies badly need new business but they wouldn't adapt themselves to my

The only way for our manufacturing industry to survive is to ask customers what they want and respond to those needs and opportunities, not just distribute what they've already got-

Yours faithfully. CHRIS OGILVIE-TAYLOR

Arm-twisting software

Sir, I have been accustomed for many years now to using word-processing software for the production of reports, letters and other pieces of writing. Each time I update my software, while fascinated by the new possibilities offered in terms of layout and appearance, I become further irritated by other people's attempts to dictate my writing style, spelling and

I am no longer allowed to produce any sentence over three lines long, no matter how clear its subject, construction and punctuation; my grammar is unnecessarily questioned; 1 am obliged to use bullet-points when none is required; and I suffer from software which asks if I want its help when it notices that I am writing a letter.

From Mr E. W. Lighton

Sir, If disclosing the locations of speed cameras encourages lawbreaking, why then are there usually large notices warning drivers of these devices?

The legality or otherwise of the disclosure of speed traps by those unauthorised to do so is more debatable.

Yours faithfully, E. W. LIGHTON, 11 Ryebank Avenue. Crewe CWI 3SW. a1311755@infotrade.co.uk

From Mr Malcolm Penny

Sir, It is perhaps a matter of personal perception, but I would have thought that drivers are not "trapped" into exceeding speed limits; instead, they volunteer themselves for prosecution.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM PENNY. 57 Boyn Hill Road, Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 4HR.

(Managing Director).

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From Mrs Kate Perera

grammar.

Obviously I can, and do, switch off these minor nuisances. What concerns me, however, is that their default setting is "on", ie, they start from a basic assumption of ignorance and incapability. When at the same time newspapers produce whole supplements lamenting the decline of educational standards, I cannot help wondering whether my computer software is symptomatic, and whether we are simply not asking young people to think or do enough for

themselves. I do not believe that the correct solution is to provide automatic correction without first stimulating the individual to both make and learn from his or her own mistakes.

Yours faithfully. KATE PERERA. 25 Ashlyns Road, Berkhamsted HP4 3BN. April 3.

The landfill tax From the Director, Business and Environment, The Paper Federation

of Great Britain, and others. Sir, We welcome the Chancellor's recognition in the Budget of the importance of the landfill tax in encouraging more recycling. The increased tax will be a valuable instrument supporting the recovery and recycling of waste by ensuring that the costs of landfill more accurately reflect its

environmental costs. However, we believe that the Treasury must go further and increase the overall proportion of the tax earmarked for investment in the recovery and recycling infrastructure. Without such investment the substantial increases in recycling which the Government and the public desire will not be achieved.

Director, Business and Environment, The Paper Federation of Great Britain, RAY GEORGESON, Executive Director, Waste Watch. KEN MANTON, Chairman, Waste and Environment Committee, Local Government Association. The Paper Federation of

Yours faithfully

BRYAN BATEMAN,

Great Britain, Papermakers House, • Rivenhall Road, Swindon SN5 7BD. April 6.

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Business plan for single currency

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Durham North (Conservative), and Mr Bill Rammell. MP for Horlow

Sir, MORI, Gallup, NDP, Eurofile, City Research and others have consistently shown that British business is behind the single currency. The poll published yesterday by Business for Sterling (report, March 31) has, in our view, been designed around leading questions and false logic.

With 86 per cent of those surveyed having heard "little" or "nearly nothing" about the implications of the single currency, it is no surprise that the base of British euroscepticism is rooted in confusion and misinformation. This problem is most marked among smaller businesses, which are the least informed and the most eurosceptic. Perhaps Business for Sterling should focus more on why these two

factors are so frequently related. interestingly, it remains silent about its finding that 56 per cent of businesses say Britain will end up losing out while other countries in the eurozone benefit. Similarly, it hasn't mentioned the 51 per cent of busi-nesses who agree that our future is in Europe and that we have to go in

wholeheartedly. Businesses across Britain need to plan for the single currency as a reality. Whilst Business for Sterling might want to put its head in the ground, real businesses need to be informed and prepared for the single currency. This is the real issue for business.

Yours sincerely, GILES RADICE. Chairman, European Movement, BILL RAMMELL, Chairman, Labour Movement for Europe, House of Commons. April I.

Free for all

From Sir Hugh Leggott

Sir, The Director of the National Portrait Gallery, Mr Charles Saumarez Smith (letter, April 2), points out the failure of compulsory admission charges to the national museums and galleries imposed by the Heath Government and the disastrous drop in visitor numbers to this institution

In 1970, when the Wilson Government was in power, the Treasury decreed that entrance charges should be levied to visit the Annigoni portrait of the Queen at the National Portrait

However, the Treasury was out-flanked by Jennie Lee (then Minister for the Arts), who told it that the donor (myself) would offer to hang the portrait in "Harrods stores" if the then owners would agree.

I asked Miss Lee the Treasury's reply. It was simply, "Yes, Minister". Yours faithfully.

HUGH LEGGATT 21 Rue du Lac. CH-1800 Vevey. Switzerland. April 6.

Bishop's move?

From the Right Reverend Henry Richmond

Sir, On Saturday (March 27) my wife received junk mail, inviting her to buy a book which would bestow longevity by putting her in touch with her former incarnations. Her reply was to ask to be removed from their mailing

I then read an article in The Times Weekend, informing me that the name Joshua, the Hebrew name for Jesus, was "a negative name. Intelligent but introverted, and does not cope well with stress. Will experience relationship problems in late teens that could lead to drug and alcohol

ahuse' Should I ask to be removed from my newsageni's Times paper-round? Yours faithfully THENRY RICHMOND. 39 Hodges Court. Marlborough Road,

Clarification sought

From Mr Peter Wade

Oxford OXI 4NZ.

March 28.

·Sir, To assist Mr Anthony P. Moran's search for an expression to describe Service personnel wearing fluorescent waistcoats over camouflage uniforms (letter, April 6), I feel that the word "stealth" should be in there some-

Yours faithfully, PETER WADE, 12 Bell Close, Colchester, Essex CO2 8EP.

Rites of spring

From Mr Antony Walker

Sir. You do not report daily that the Sun rose in the East, so why report annually that the National Union of Teachers is opposed to reform of the education system (April 3)?

Yours faithfully, ANTONY G. T. WALKER, Spiti Hippocampus, PO Box 70. Pissouri 4607, Cyprus.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 6: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

WINDSOR CASTLE April 6: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this evening chaired a Meeting of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, at Windsor Castle.

ST JAMES'S CASTLE April 6: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Sutherland where he was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant of Sutherland (Major-General David Houston).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Hunters of Brora Ltd, Brora, Sutherland. His Royal Highness later visited Seaforth House Residential and Day Care Centre, Golspie. Sutherland. The Prince of Wales this

Today's royal

Buckingham Palace Road, London SWJ, at 11.00,

Birthdays today

Mr Dennis Amiss, cricketer. 56: Viscount Brentford, 66: Miss Fredda Brilliant, sculptor, 91: Mr lean Colonna, fashion designer 44: Mr Francis Ford Coppola, film director, 60: Mr Gerry Cottle circus proprietor, 54: Sir Geoffrey Cox, former Editor and Chiel Executive, ITN, 89; Mr Luca Cumani. racehorse trainer, 50; Professor Sir Graeme Davies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 62: Professor D.R. Denman, land economist, 88; Mr Peter Fluck, satirist and puppeteer, 58; Sir David Frost, proadcaster, 60; Mr F.L. Garner, former chairman, Pearl Assurance, 79; Mr James Garner, actor. 71: Sir Terence Harrison, former chief executive, Rolls-Royce, 66; Mr Geoffrey Heywood, former President, Institute of Actuaries, 83; Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, 85; Mr Gorden Kaye, actor, 58; Mr Marryn Lewis, broadcaster, 54; Mr Cliff Morgan, former head of outside broadcasting, BBC Television, 69: Mrs Jane Priestman, former director, architecture and design, British Rail, 69; Mr Ian Richardson, actor, 65; Mr Andrew Sachs, actor, 69; Herr Gerhard Schröder, German Chan-cellor, 55: Pandit Ravi Shankar, sitar player, 79; Group Captain Mary Shaw, former director and matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 66; Miss Alison Shrubsole, former Principal, Homerton College, 74; Mr David J. Williams, former Chief Constable, Surrey. 58; Mr Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis, honorary secretary, Barbarian Football

afternoon visited Inverness where he was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness (The Rt Hon

The Lord Gray of Contin). His Royal Highness later visited the Renal and Oncology Unit, Raigmore Hospital. Inverness, and as Patron. Macmillan Cancer Relief, His Royal Highness subsequently unveiled a bench outside the hospital.

The Prince of Wales later visited Nairn where he was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nairn (The Earl of Leven and

His Royal Highness finally visited Cantraybridge Ru-ral Skills College, Cawdor,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 6: The Princess Royal, Honorary Air Commodore, this afternoon visited Royal Air Force Lyneham, Chip-penham, Wiltshire.

Premium Bonds

£100,000:

The following Premium Bonds prizewinners were announced yesterday:

13HF 699919, winner has a holding of £15,050 and comes from Lanca-shire; 83AB 648702, £6,150, Dorset;

24FF 126181, £11,135, South York-

engagements The Duke of York will launch the Royal News Magazine on the

Internet, 21 Cale Internet, 22/24

shire; 46QL 383284, EI5,000, Kent; 54JN 671763, £5,200, Surrey; 76TZ 014718, £9,485, Enfield. 57MW 031345, £20,000, Oxford-57/W 03/545, 220,000, Oxford-shire; IIJS 188486, E20,000, Somer-set; 62RK 705036, E14,500, Lanca-shire; 88EW 262985, E20,000, East Sussex: 52HB 094775, £8,160. East Lothian; 1FT 605651, E6,022, Chesh-Loman; 1FT 605051, E0,122, Chest-lre; 68ES 702151, E1,004, Lanca-shire; 75FZ 135432, E20,000, Lin-colnshire; 65AS 618916, E4,000, Hampshire; 88EF 756317, £18,900, Hillingdon; 66LN 642644, £12,000, Essex; 33DW 667507, £17,750, Staf-footlshire £25,000: 84AF 954820, £8,200, Merseyside;

7BB 025300, £1,055, Cumbria: 48PF 698288, £375, Kent; 15MF 805649. E12,000, Essex: 5EL 448486, E85. Oxfordshire: 2NP 452792, E40, West Yorkshire: 96DP 756445, E5,000, Bristol: 89MZ 374085, E5,000, Overseas: 93EZ 678326, EMUO, Overseas; 93E2 6/8326, EL,000, Dorset; 30PB 087314, ESO, Glasgow; 86MT 833064, £l8,500, Cambridgeshire: 24VW 02153, 88,330, Essen: 47VP 958617, £6,555, Westminster; 58DN 067569, E20,000, South Yorkshire; 6IGZ 654189, £2,260, Hampshire; 60GB 103418, £3,000, Kent; 52WF 053053, £1,750, Shropshire; 94JL 394352. E20,000, Hammersmith and Ful-ham; 34ES 013356, E8,050, West Sussest, 17AF 119787, E20,000, Merton; 75HN 923178, £20,000, Lanca-shire; 57FS 149363, £20,000, Cam-West Midlands; 96AW 616536, £1,000. Hampshire.

Academy plans £14m 'living museum' of music

Historic instruments will be seen and played

By Dalya Alberge

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Academy of Music. which has one of the world's finest collections of historic instruments, is planning to revolutionise the way these are displayed -- with a £14 million "living museum", which will open next year in a building beside the academy. The traditional museum approach, with instruments propped up forlornly in glass cases, will be scrapped so that the public can see and hear the finest examples being played, while observing and

talking to master craftsmen as they make new ones. Curtis Price, Principal of the academy, one of the world's premier conserva-toires, said: "This will be a new concept in museums. It will be the only place in the world where members of the public can come in off the street and see great Strad instruments on display and hear them being played. There will be informal con-certs, lectures and work-

He is dismayed that instru-ments at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London or the Musée de la Musique in Paris are never played. In Paris, they are locked away behind armoured glass, half an inch thick, and never touched - except by curators. That makes me weep, If you see an instrument, you want to know what it sounds like." Never allowing anyone to play them is madness, he said. While accepting that some

Anniversaries BIRTHS: SI Francis Xavier, Jesuit

missionary, Navarre, Spain, 1506; William Wordsworth, Poet Laure-

ate 1843-50, Cockermouth, Cumbria, 1770; Randall Thomas David-

oria, 1770; earbail Homas David-son, Baron Davidson of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-28, Edinburgh, 1848; Gabriela Mis-tral, poet, Nobel laureate 1945, Vicuna, Chile, 1889; Sir David

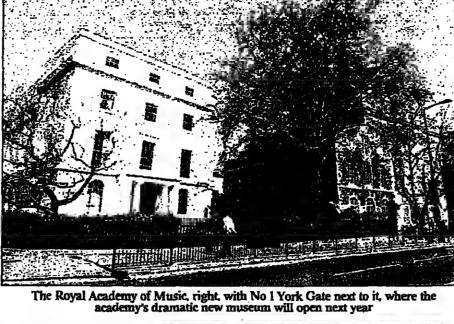
Low, political cartoonist, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1891: Billie Holiday, jazz singer, Baltimore, Maryland,

DEATHS: Sir William D'Avenant,

anonymous benefactor. instruments are extremely fragile, he disagrees with museum curators who believe in the country), and a precious archive that ranges from one that every time an instrument of only two surviving musical is played, original evidence is manuscripts in the hand of lost. They deteriorate if they John Dowland (1563-1626), the

> Rouen, 1719; Dick Turpin, high-wayman, executed, York, 1739; Phineas Barnum, showman, Phineas Barnum, showman, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1891; Henry Ford, car manufacturer, Dear-born, Michigan, 1947; Theda Bara, silent film star, Los Angeles, 1985; Jim Clark, world champion racing driver, killed in an accident, Hockenheim, Germany, 1968. Mount Vesuvius erupted, 1906. WHO, the World Health Organisa-tion, was established in Geneva,

Swedish civil servant Dag Ham-marskjold was elected UN Secretary-General, 1953. Poet Laureate 1638-68. London, 1668: St Jean Baptiste de La Salle. CND supporters marched from London 10 Aldermaston in 8 founder of the Christlan Brothers, ban-the-bomb protest, 1958.



are not played, he argues. But James Yorke, assistant curator of the V&A's furniture department who is responsible for its musical collection, said it would never allow anyone to perform on such historic exhibits: "Every time you play them, there is the risk of a slight deterioration."

The academy museum will be based in a building at York Gate, which has been acquired with nearly £8 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Turning it into a muse-um will cost a further £6 million, but the academy is well on target, having already raised more than £4 million from private sources. Its collection has just re-ceived an added boost: a

Christie's for more than £500,000 last month was donated to the academy by an It has the greatest collection of old Italian stringed instruments in the world, as well as pianos and brass instruments (the largest collection of 18th and 19th-century instruments

Stradivarius cello sold by

Curtis Price, the academy's Principal, with a Stradivarius viola from its collection

great English composer, sing-er and lutenist, to the original manuscripts of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Among up to 300 stringed instruments are no fewer than seven by Stradivarius, including one worth more than £3

Until now the academy, which has never had the space to display its collection. has lent out instruments to students and young profes-sionals. Their insurance company understands the importance of getting instruments played, but has "specific guide-

lines"; for example, no more than four Stradivarii are allowed in any room at any one time or to travel oo the same aircraft. "I strongly feel that unless

they are played, they die," Dr Price said. The Stradivari Museum in Cremona has a small collection. They employ someone to play them every day. Otherwise they do lose their voice.

"A violin is made of wood that is meant to vibrate, If wood isn't exercised in this way, it becomes rigid and

A service of manksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, will be held on Thursday, April 22, at noon at St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2. The Marine Society

Air Marshal Sir

The ZZ7th annual court of The Marine Society will be held at 11.30, on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Lambeth, when Commodore Wild, Curate. Newark (South- N.D. Squire, CBE, former Commodore, Royal Fleet Auxiliary will give an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.P. Brant and Miss G.F. Walshaw

The engagement is announced between Geoff, son of Mr and Mrs Brant. of Kenardington, Kent. and Gilly, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Walshaw, of Kilmacolm.

Renfrewshire. Mr J.A. Cox and Miss J.E. Duff

The forthcoming marriage is announced, and will take place on fune 21, 1999, in Portland, Oregon, USA, between Jeffrey Allen, only son of Mr and Mrs Norman Cox. of Portland, Oregon, USA, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Duff, of Ilford.

Mr T.W.C. Edge and Miss E.M. Ford

The engagement is announced between Titus, only son of Major and Mrs William Edge, of Fovant, Wiltshire, and Marina, eldest daughter of Mr David Ford, CBE, and Mrs. Conf. of Paule 1, San Paule. and Mrs Ford. ol São Paulo.

Mr J.D. Ford and Miss S.M. Herbert

and MISS AM. Hatcher The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Ford, of Woolpit, Suffolk, and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr Robin Herbert, of Lianover. Monmouthshire. and Mrs Margaret Herbert, of Lianarth, Monmouthshire. Mr D.E. Higgins and Miss J.K. Cowler

The engagement is announced between David Edward, son of Mr and Mrs James Higgins, of Aldwick, Sussex, and Joanna Kathryn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Cowler, of Farnborough, Hampshire. Mr R.P.W. Johnstone

and Miss J.S. Stewart The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Major Ian Johnstone, of Suiton Veny. Warminster, Wiltshire, and of Mrs Susan Day, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Stewart, of Chapel House, Kettlebridge, Fife.

Mr P.T. Lalor and Miss L.J.L. Wells The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Lalor, of Umhlanga Rods, Natal. South Africa, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wells. of Littleton, Guildford.

Marriage

Mr J.V. Wroc and Miss M.G.M. Harrison The marriage took place on April 5, 1999, at St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter, Buckingham shire, between Mr John Wroe and Miss Marie Harrison.

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

The following were successful in the Council for Licensed Conveyancers Winter 1999 Examinations: Foundation Law of Contract

Christine Alexander, Sevenoaks; Rachel Bairstow, Heckmondwike: Gillan Bebbington, Manchester; Emma Benson, Bolton; Christine Blenkinson, Stunley: Jacqueline Burdett, Wellingborough: Donna Cross, Wordester: Anita Cundall, Wirral: Helen Bortest. Weinigorough: Donal City, Worester: Anita Cundall. Wirral: Helen Dawson, Bingley; Sukhdev Ohinea, Coventryi Nigel Deal, Grays; Samentha Ediginton. Birmingham: Clare Farrell. Middleton: Deborah Glezier, Hastings: David Gray, Leighton Buzzard; Samuel Gyan. Londore, Finola Hoiwell, Davenory: Sosan Hudson, Nordiampton: James Jackson, Warrington: Alisan Kettley, Northampton: Linda Lyons. Notinepham: Julia Mallard, Manchester; Sally Maloney, Swansea; Panela Massam, Holliax: Andrea Moran. Accrington; Mandy Moreton. Bradford: Beryl O'Risw. Warrington; Karen Richards, Aberystwyth: Leon Richards, Selford; Joila Sansone, Olney; Chazala Shah. Ruisdipt Liss Skinner. Shezrness; Sessin Smith, Soedport Heena Sudman, Banbury; Andrew Sutcliffe, Brighouse, Jamest Sweetman. Hailsham; Deanne Turner, Stanfort-le-Hope; Deborah Vaugham, Bicknacre. Claire Welford, Northampton; Jeanne Wood, Pontypool; Sally Wood, Kirby Le Soken.

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Maureen Addison, Northampton: Karen Astuori, Shrewsbury: Susan Atha, Wilmskow: Madeline Batley, Croydon:

Kate Barwick, Billernay: Gregory BegBrentwood: Journe Bigg, Basildon: Cheyl
Brabon, Reading: Elizabeth Bryon, Soufiampton; Stephen Carew, Luton: Janet Care,
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killengrey, Brentwood, Adriam Kribla,
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Don't be jealous of violent people or decide to act as they do, because the LORD hates people who do wil, but he takes righteous people into his confidence. Proverbs 3.31.32 (GNE).

ATKINSON - On 4th March at Guy's Hospital, to Heather inde Towell and Adam, a son, Alastair Siles Garnier, a brother for Bethia and Eleanor. BELL - On 17th March to Sophia ince FitzHugh) and Gary, a daughter, Emily Rafela, a sister for Harry

Rafola, a sister for Hari and Tobiss. BENEGIAMO - On March 30th at The Portland Hospital to Janet and Luca, a son, Marco, a brother for Gluita.

and Joosthan, a son

brother for Conor. EATON HART - On Monda

DOHERTY - On March 31st

oromer for Gluia.

BROWN - On 27th March, to
Diana (Dido, née Arthur)
and Alan, a son, Augustus
Allan Xavier, a brother for
Maximilian. BURROUGH - On April 2nd 1999, to Philippa (nee Collyer) and Bryan, a son, George Henry Grant, a brother for Leo. SUTCHER - On 28th March 1999, to Henrietta Joée Nevillo) and Jonathan, a daughter, Matilda Trilly Anna Casaley, a sister for Charles.

CALVERT - To Tilly and Tom on 25th March 1999 a son, Bertram Devid, a brother for Jack and Susannah. CANNETI - On March 28th at The Portland Hospital to Romana inde Wenkerti and Alex. a daughter, Mimosa, a sister to Cosima.

CARE - On March 29th 1999, to Alison (nee Follows) an Tim, a daughter, Isobel Frances Follows, a sister for Charlie. CLEMPSON - On March 9th at The Portland Hospital to Emms and Graham, a son, Sam, a brother for Lily.

Beverly.

PARROTT - On March 24th
at The Portland Hospital
to Christine (nde Kraus)
and Timothy, a daughter,
Brittany Goorge.

PERRY - On March 28th at
The Portland Hospital to
Karan (nde Jackson) and
Even a con Olives Lessoh COMEN - On March 31st at The Portland Hospital to Amanda Ince Clumpus) Jamie, a brother for Ellie.

Ryan, a son. Oliver Jos a brother for Sophie. at The Portland Hospitol to Evolyn and Patrick, a son, Joshua Callum, a PRICE - On March 3 ist at

39th March 1999, to Serah (née Evans) and Andrew, a son, Jonathan Harry. GREEN - On April 5th, to

BIRTHS HENDETSON - On 20th March 1999, to Olivia (née Bendon) and Iaa, a son, Luke Nicholas and a daughter, Ilse Kerstin, a brother and sister for

31st March 1999, to Elizaboth (née Rashleigh) and Goy, a daughter, Madeleine Florence, a sister for Laura. HUNT - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital to Monica (nee Bestos Santos) and Seán, a son, Thomas, a brother for

Maria.

KIGALION - On April 2nd
at The Portland Hospital
to Johnino and Patrick, a
daughter, Ryan Kate.

KIMBERLEY - On 30th March
at The Portland Hospital at the Fortland Hospital
to Nicky and Cary, a son,
Max, a brother to Fiora.
LROSAY - On March 19th at
The Fortland Hospital to
Lucy inée Davenhill) and
Lucdovic, a son, Simon, a
brother for Merlin.

McBAN - On April 4th 1999 io Jeddah, to Susannah (née Benyon) and Neville, twin sous, Joseph George and Samuel William. AAOUMOVITCH - On March 27th at The Portland Hospital to Sayra and Daniel, a daughter,

Alexandra.

MEVRICA - On March 3 lst at The Portland Hospital to Sara John and Frantisck Newtkla, a son. Tomás, e brother for Sophie.

NITTA - On April 1st at The Portland Hospital to Kazuko juće Iwate) and Takeshi, a danghter.

Haruka, a sister for Takuni.

NGENT - On April let at The Portland Hospital to Nancy and Robert, a daughter, Mary Ellen Bail a sister for Bo, Rhatt and

The Portland Hospital to The Portland Hospital to Alotse (née Batty) and Dominic, a daughter, Ottilie Cynthia Elizabeth, a sister for Halcyon and Horatio.

RIGNEY - On March 30th al The Portland Hospital Io Kimberley and Damian, a daughter, Tara Ellen, a sister for Claudia.

RYALL - On Easter Sunday April 4th in Monza, Italy, to Hélène (née Maurise) and Edward, a son, Oliver Mauriac, a welcome brother for Matthew and Harry. HINDLEY - On Wednesday

SCHUL! - On April 1st at The Portland Hospital to Anna Yang and Joseph Schull, a daughter, Lara Heleus, a sister for James. a seter for James.
SHEE - On 6th April, to
Stells (née Bowcock) and
Charles, a daughter,
Amelia Brenda Catherine,
a stater for Harri, Edmund

SKARES - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital to Alex (nee Howelis) and Duncan, a son, Benedict Alexander, a brother for Toby and Oliver.

SPARRÉVOHN MORCK - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital to Besma (Al Sidi) and Henrik, a son, Michael. RIMM - On 2nd April, to Tracy and David, a beautiful girl, Harriot Louise, eister to Emily. THORNTON-ALLAN - On March 31st, to Lizzie (née Monckton) and Tim, the gift of a daughter Eleano

WAKE - On 4th April, to Katherine and Edward, a son, George. WILLETTS - On March 27th, to Christine and Garry, a daughter, Semantha Jane, a sister for Douglas.

WHEKLER VON STERREHE - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital to Busan and Olof, a son, Sven Henrik Olofsson.

ANNAGHAS - On Thursday a son, Henry Peter Anthony.

DEATHS

BARR-SIM - Andrew John, 2.7.1933 - 2nd April 1999. Pencefully at home after a courageous light against cancer. Beloved bushand of Evelyn Susan, dearly loved stepfather of Fiona and Allson, brother of Charles, and uncle of Andrew and Caroline Andrew and Caroline Andrew and Caroline.
Funeral service at St
Mary's Church, Linton,
Cambs. on Thursday April
15th at 2.30 pm, Donations
if desired for Ward C9
Addenbrookes Hospital
may be sent c/o H.J.
Paintin Ltd., F.D., 43 High
Street, Linton, Cambridge
CBI 6HS, tel: 01223
891226.

DEATHS

BATEMAN - George William (Bill) of Perth, Western Australia, formerly of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire peased away oo lst April 1999. Dearly beloved husband of aegins, father of Michael, Karen and Nicholas, father-in-law of Marion and Annette, son of Mary and brother of Audrey. A long illness patiently borne". No flowers, donations to Leuksemia Foundation of Australia,

BUTLER - Diana France

The Rev Patricia Robson, Priest-in-Charge, St Enoder (Truro): has been appointed Honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral (same diocese). The Rev Robert Rogers, Assistant Chaplain, York Healthcare Trust (York): has been appointed Senior Chaplain, York Healthcare Trust. The Rev Ian Scott, Assistant Chaplain, University Hospital Bir-mingham NHS Trust: has been appointed Chaplain, South War-wickshire Combined Care NHS Trust (Coventry). The Rev Hilda wark): to be Vicar, Earlsdon St Barbara (Coventry).

Church news

Donald Hall

TRADE; 0171 481 1982

on Monday April 12th at Foundation of Australia, 725 Ann Fortitude Valley SEWICKE - Juliet, on let April suddenly at home

April suddenly at home.

BULEN - Peacefully on
Easter Day Dr. John
Bullen aged 86 years.
Beloved husband of
Mangery for almost 60
years, dearly loved father
of Anne and Vivienne, and
grandfather of Rupert.
Philippa and Simon.
Privato family cremation
followed by Thankagiving
Service on Friday 9th
April at 2 pm at St Mary's,
Bampton, Oxford. No
flowers please. Donations
to British Red Cross c/o E.
Taylor & Son, 21 Corbett
Jond. Carterton, Oxon.
Tai: (01993) 842421.

BUTLER - Diana Frances

MBE died on March 31st
1999 aged 77 at Josemary
Lodge Nursing Home,
Wimbledon, peacefully
after a long tilness.
Beloved sister and sisterin-law of John and
Francoise Butler and
friend of Betty Foster. Sha
will be much missed by
her nephews Piers and
Richard and her nicces
Sandy and Janet. There
will be a service at St Mary
tho Virgin, Merton Park,
London SW19 at 11 am
followed by a cremation at
Putney Vale at 12 noon on
Monday 12th April 1999.
Family flowers only.
Family flowers only.
Dons tions if wished to the
Parkinson's Disease
Society.

CARMEGE - Peacefully in Edinburgh on April 2nd 1999, James Forrest Carnegio, busband of the late Betty Thin and father of William, Mirren, Victoria and Modeles Victoria and Magdalen victoria and Magdalen.
Private family cremation
followed by a memorial
service on Friday April 9th
at 3 pm in the Chapel.
Pettes College, Edinburgh
(enter from East Pettes
Avenuel. All Forrests
friends are invited most friends are invited most

CHADWICK - Andrey Merion (née Absoli) on Good Friday April 2nd 1999 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Vivian and dear mother of Rodney Idecessed), Jenny Koralek, Peuny Eyre and Jonathan. She was also a much loved grandmother, grant-grandmother, sunl and friend to many both DMOCK - Betty, suddenl on March 29th aged 84. Dearly loved mother of

Dearly loved mother of Sallyame, and the late John, mother-in-law of Gall and grannie to Joanna, Sarah, Jamie, and Richard. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but is reunited with Robert. Funeral Service to take place Priday 9th April 12.30 pm All Seints Church, Nazeing, Flowers or dosations if preferred to R.S.P.B. e/o F.J. Pianock & Son. 8 Sunnyside. great-grandmother, sunl and friend to many both here and oversear. Service at Guildford Crematorium

COOPER - Mary Elisabeth (Lis) on 5th April 1999 peacefully at Aldbourno Nursing Home. Widow of Sir Charles, beloved Mother of Robin d'Abo. William and George. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Wonston. Sutton Scotney on Wedneaday 14th April 1999 at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for King Edward VII Hospital, London may be sent to Thomas Free & Sons Ltd., The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts. SN8 INE. Tol. 01672 512110.

COTTERELL - Rezel | 166 Phillips) of Bournemouth on 31st March 1999 aged 72 on 31st March 1999 aged 72 after a short illness. Widow of Frederick Wynn Cotterell. Funeral Service at Bouramouth Crematorium at 1 pm on Monday 12th April. No flowers please. Donations to the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel: 01202 673164.

DAVIES-JENGES - Michael,
MA ARICS, late RWF,
aged 63. Peacefully from
cancer en Friday, 2nd
April at Holme Tower
Marie Curie Home,
Penarth, ofter wonderful
care. Adored busband of
Sus and father of Katle,
Ben and Will; loyal
comrade and friend.
Funeral 9th April at 2 pm
at Holy Trinity Church.
Aberystwyth, Family
flowers only, Donations
may be sent to Holme
Tower, Bridgeman Roed,
Penarth, CF64 3YR.
Thanksgiving Service 2nd
July, He just wanted to
fade away - and be
managed if perfectly,
domans 14:8.

HOLMES - At Drumben Cardress, on 4th April 1999, Jack Holmes M.C. Architect, Funeral private

& Son. 8 Sunnyside, Nazeing, Essex EN9 2RH,

ESPH - Patricia, daughter of Mrs Yvonne and the late Teddy Smouhs OBE, and beloved wife of Michael, mother of their four children James. Timothy. Rosalind and Marion, and grandmother of their twelve grandchildren, diod peacefully at home on March 31st.

HARRISON - On April 3rd
Tinka, wife of Yony, loving
mother of Nick, Judy and
Gillie, mother-in-law of
Nigel, Sunie and Peter.
proud grandmother of
Lucy, Pera, Claire, Jack,
Harry and Indl. Service at
Poole Crematorium on
Tuesday April 12th at 4pm.
Family flowers only but
donations in her memory
would be welcomed by donstions in her memory would be welcomed by either the Gurkha Museum or the Gurkha Welfare Trust. Enquiries to Mews Funeral Directors. 3 Bournemouth Road, Lower Parkstone, Poole BH14 0EF.

HEAL - On 28th March, peacafully in Maidstone Hospital, Margaret Emily, aged 83. Funeral enquiries c/o A.W. Court Funeral Directors, tel: 01622 850840.

HEATH - Margaret Nina (née Jory) of Fairles.
Bournemouth, dearly leved wile of Gerry and much loved sister of Joan and John, died pescefully on 5th April 1998 at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital following a stroke, coming after many years of ill beaith, bravely and cheerfully borne.

Cremetion at Bournemouth Bournemouth Cremetorium at 12 noon en Thursday, 15th April.
Flowers and enquiries to
Deric-Scott, Pertman
Lodge Funeral Home,
Bournemouth (01202)
309609.

HUGHES - Michael on April 2nd 1999 peacefully in hospital, beloved husband of the late Marcia and much loved father and grandiather. Privato cramstion. A Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 14th April 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Penton Mawsey. Pamily Howers only

IVANOVIC - Vane, retired Consul General of Monsco, died peacefully on April 4th. Cremation private. No flowers please.

Kifik - Neil MA Oxon, beloved son of Mrs Gwen Kirk and brother to Michael. Died auddenly at his home. Holmdale, Challysford Band, Falsted Chelmsford Road, Feisted Chelmsford Road, Felsted, Essex on 16th March 1999. Funeral at 3.15 pm on Wedneeday 14th April at the Church of the Holy Cross, Felsted, Flowers or donations to Trinity Hospice, Clapham, to Daniel Robinson & Some Ltd., Haslers Lane, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1XCS.

AMGDALE-KELHAM Michael Anthony, Passed
away stiddenly on
Saturday April 2rd, 1992
aged 72. Much loved
husband of June; dearly
missed by all his loving
family and all who knew
him. Service at Randalla
Park Crematorium,
Leatherhead at 4.30 pm oo
Thursday April 3th.
Family flowers only and
donations, if desired, to
Parkinson's Disease
Society Cro G. Boutell &
Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet
KT14 7OL. Tel: 01932
345037.

LIVENS - On April 1st, 1999, after e long lilness, Robin George, very dear busband of Margaret, devoted father of Francis and Roger and father-in-law of Clare, much loved prother of Ursula. Fuceral

brother of Ursula. Fuoeral at St Thomas More Church. Wolfston. Nottingham on Thursday April 8th at 10.30am. In the Standard Stand

LOTT - On April 2nd 1999 LOTT - On April 2nd 1999
peacefully in hospital
Lawrence Charles Lott
aged 76 years of Walcote,
Leicestershire. The dearly
loved busband of Darlen
and dear father of Adrian
and Stephen. Private
cromation followed by
Memorial Service at
Misterton Parish Church
(near Lutterworth) on

Misterton Parish Chnrch (near Lutterworth) on Friday April 9th at 3 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired for The Strake Association | to whom Cheques should be made payablo). All further enquiries to Ginns & Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester tel: 0t 16 2516117.

LUCAS - Michael Stewart, aged 51, dearly loved bushand of Lectitia and father of Stewart, Catherine, Charles and Antonia, dearly beloved ann of Muriel died Monday 5th April in Dubai, funeral to be appropried

MiLTON - Jennifer
peacefully on April 1st.
She leaves her family and
friends with courage and
love. Service at Gidleigh.
Church. Friday 9th April
3 pm. Any donations to Dr.
T.A. Dudgeon,
Moretonhampetend
Hospital Appeal, Health
Centre,
Moretonhampetend Moretonhampsteed, Devon TQ13 8LW.

PARSONS - Kenneth Charles CMG, OBE suddenly at beme on 2nd April 1999, aged 78. Much loved husband of Mary and lather of Judith and Suzanta Cranseller father of Judith and Suzante. Cremation at Rendelis Park Crematorium. Lea therhead, Surrey at 10.30 am on Monday 12th April. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Age

PATEY - Joan Howse died peacefully in her sieep at her bone on April 1st in her Sird year. She was the dearly loved wife of Barry and loving mother of Jenny and much loved granny of Vatché and Bou by whom she was affectionately known as Do-do. Cremation private. Memorial Service will be held al Si Peter's Church. Tandridge on Tuesday April 13th at 2.30 pm. No flowers bet donations ilf desired 1 to N.S.P.C.C. or R.S.P.C.A.

POLLARD - Jacquelyn Inée
Harris) on Good Friday
aged 65 peacefully at bome
in Cornwall after a long
illness. Much loved
mother, grandmother,
sister and friend.
Donactions in lieu of
flowers to Sutton and
Croydon MS Therapy
Ceaure, The Mount, Lloyd
Avenue, Coulsdon, Surrey
CR5 3QS.

PRESTON - Ronald Onuglas
Hildebrand, 7th Baronet,
on Easter Sunday after a
short illness, dearly loved
husband of Pauleen.
Private cremation
followed by service al
Beeston St Lawrence
Church at 2.30 pm on
Monday 12th April. Family
flowers only. Donations if
desired to Cancer
Research Campaign, 6-10
Cambridge Terrace,
London NW1.

PULMAN-JONES - Peacefully on let April 1999 at Copperbeech Nursing Home, Uckfield, Barbara agod 89 years formerly of Bexhill on Sea. Wife of the lata Hugh Pulman-Jones, and much loved mother of Annabelle, and Crandmother of Miles and Patrick. Funeral service to take place at Eastbourne Patrick. Funeral service to take place at Eastbourne Crematorium Family Chapel. on Wednesday 14th April 1999 at 1. 15am Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Sussex Kidney Trust c/o Fuller & Scott. The Wakelyns, Uckfield, Easl Sussex, TN22 1AJ, Tel: 01825 763241.

RICHARDSON - Ceorge of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, on 3rd April 1999 aged 83. Dear husband of Ethel, loved father of Martin, David and Helen and a caring grandfather to his five grandfather to his five grandfather. Service at Wakefield Cathedral at 1.30 pm on Monday 12th April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations to Dr Barnardes would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

ROBINISON – William (Bill) Morecroft born in 1916, raised in Dundas, Ontario, Canada, lived in Cheshira 1944–1997, died in his sleep in Torooto, Canada, on Good Friday April 2nd 1999 and now reunited with his dear wife Moule Harvey Stewart Sey. Beloved father and best friend of Judith, Ian Lennifer, Carol Augus an friend of Judith, Ian (Jennifer), Carol Anne and Glies. He will be sorely missed by his grandchildren: Tim, Steve. Sandy, Tanya, Deso, Kate and Ellie. Donations in Sill's memory may be made to St Dunstan's Association for the Work. made to St Dunstan's Association for the War Blinded, 12-14 Harcourt

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ROBLOU - (née Robinson)
Christino Mary Ingeborg
pence fully on April 2pd
1999 aged 56 years. She
was loved dearly and will
be missed by all her (smily
and friends. Funeral
astrone takes place at St service takes place at St Mary's Church, Crundale oear Canterbury on Monday April 12th 1999 at 11.00 am followed by 11.00 am followed by burial in the churchyard. Flowers | white only its C W Lyons & Son Ltd. 10 Military Road, Canterbury. Kent CT1 1 ND.

ROUTLEDGE - John J., retired Chairman of N.E.D.A. Suddenly in Palm Springs California, on 20th March 1999, one day after his 72nd birthday. Dearty beloved husband of Barbars, much loved father of Paul and Glenn, and grandfather of father of Paul and Glennand grandfather of Gemma and James. A cremation service was held in California and a memorial service in celebration of his life will be held at St Michael's Church Passington. Church, Rossington,
Church, Rossington,
Doncaster on Saturday
24th April at 2.30 pm. No
flowers please but any
donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o Mr J.K. Robb M.B.E., 25 Oak Tree Road, Bawtry. Doncaster DN10 6LD. All ongulries to Barbara #12 Oak Crest, Bawtry Road, Doncaster DN4 7PJ.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

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Ben Weinreb, antiquarian bookseller. died on April 3 aged 87. He was born on February 5, 1912.

n June 1956 a short. somewhat rotund, bearded man carrying a large Gladstone bag hurried into the office of the librarian of the Royal Institute of British Architects. It was Ben Weinreb, and in his bag were John Stuart Milio ine 1589 Barbaro Perspettivo.

Rushs's Seats in Essex, a seriele of first editions of T. S. and a roll of papers which turned out to be Hawksmoor's drawings for one of the Evelyn family's houses and an exquisite design by Robert Adam for a chimneypiece.

Weinreb had been selling books for some time, and now. with the decline of the great architectural publishers and booksellers Batsford's (once a great rendezvous) and Tiranti, he sensed his opportunity. He was soon to outdo every the was soon to outdo every the bookseller in the world in the field of architectural books. drawings, manuscripts and

Benjamin born in Halifax. His mother died soon after his birth, and since his father was interned during the First World War as an enemy alien, he spent his early years at a nurses' training college before his father's second wife took him to live with her in a weaver's cottage. It was to her that he owed

many of the tastes and instincts that brought him success. When the family moved to London, he was sent to Whitgift School, but he performed so spectacularly badly that the headmaster said that it was extremely unlikely that

he would succeed in life. His first job was in the theology department at Foyle's, but he was soon sacked for being late, and over the next few years eked out a living as an intermittent scriptwriter for documentary films, as an assistant stage carpenter, and by making sandals for the Regent's Park Theatre. Yet he was irresistibly drawn to books and increasingly supplemented his income as a book-runner, buying cheaply where he could and selling to established dealers.

In 1935 he took a job minding the bookshop devoted to poetry and left-wing politics at No 4 Parton Street (where he shared the attic floor with Dylan Thomas). He always had a leaning towards architec-ture, perhaps because he liked buildings and streetscapes. and perhaps also because he was dyslexic but responsive to splendid engravings. Slowly he acquired a stock of books on the subject, and in 1952 he began to make the change from book-runner to dealer. setting up a small storeroom in New Oxford Street.

John Betjeman became his first regular customer, though as Weinreb wrote, he "left behind far more than he took away, for, stimulated by the BEN WEINREB



Weinreb in his best bookroom in 1976. At the time he was perhaps the leading dealer in architectural books in the world

ebullient, graphic and reveal-ing homilies which each succeeding purchase inspired, I began to look with ever-widening perception at buildings and the books about them". In 1960, with the help of Eileen Harris and Paul Bre-

man, who assembled a series

of notes on his stock, Weinreb issued the first of 60 remark-able catalogues, which set a new standard of scholarly description and which remain

an envied model. Shortly afterwards he moved to a three-storey building at 39 Great Russell Street,

where the business took off in

Although the timing was propitious, Weinreb was also fortunate to be succoured by two major collectors who boosted his rise to success: Paul Mellon (through his librarian, Willis Van Devan1er) and Phyllis Lambert, who was determined to form one of the greatest architectural libraries in the world: her Canadian Centre for Architecture in

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Montreal. In 1968 Weinreb achieved the legendary feat of selling his entire stock to Texas

University, after which he bought the huge corner building at 93 Great Russell Street and rapidly filled it up with ever mure books. It had at least a dozen rooms and so many basement stores that even he lost track of some of them. The shop sold books from the cheapest to the most expensive, and there were also periodicals galore and boxes and drawers of drawings.

Dealers, collectors, librari-ans and historians came to browse and to buy, and to scoff his delicious sandwiches, quaff his good wine and - endlessly - to talk. Among the customers were Anthony Blunt, Claus von Bülow, Mark Millard, Phyllis Lambert and James Sürling (who was head to complain that he never had an opportunity to look at books, because Weinreb always butionholed him to discuss the

latest trends in architecture). Weinreb's expertise enabled him to spot many "sleepers" in the auction rooms. Most notably, in 1978, he identified the importance of a book estimated at £20-£40 in Sotheby's Signet library sale, and spent £10,500 on commission to acquire a very rare second edition of Ledoux's Architecture (1847).

By 1982, when he turned 70, Weinreb was so prominent in the world of architectural history that his birthday party was held at the Architectural Association, with Sir John Summerson giving the address. Weinreb's business was finally sold to Sotheran's in

1986 for well over £1 million. He contributed a series of articles to The Times on all aspects of books and book collecting during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and took great pleasure in contributing to his son Matthew's photographic study London Architecture: Features and Facades. But the work for which he is best known is The London Encyclopaedia, which after many years' work reached fruition in 1983 with the help of Christopher Hibbert, and which remains in

Although he never considered himself a scholar-bookseller. Weinreb recognised the value of scholarly advice and often turned to architectural historians such as Howard Colvin in Oxford, Robin Mid-dleton in Cambridge, and John Harris at the RIBA. His office became a nursery for a group of young bibliographers and bookmen, without whom he could never have produced his magisterial sequence of catalogues. Through that group of friends and employees, many of whom are now themselves leading antiquarian bookdealers, his high standards and precepts have benefited the whole of the trade.

Ben Weinreb married Kay Lazarus in 1939, but the marriage was later dissolved. after which he married Joan Kingdon-Rowe in 1957. He is survived by a daughter from his first marriage and a son and a daughter from his

DR PATRICK MOUNSEY

Dr Patrick Mounsey Provost of the Welsh National School of Medicine, 1969-79, died on February 21 aged 85. He was born on February 1, 1914.

BEFORE Patrick Mounsey became a medical administrator. he was what is known as "a doctors' doctor', for his colleagues sought his opinion for themselves as well as for their patients. Courteous and softspoken, he always gave a well-thought-out judgment based as much on an understanding of human nature as on a sound knowledge of medicine. As a doctor he strove for standards which were so high as to be disconcerting, but his demands were usually softened with a dry but humorous comment, and he endeared himself to his staff by

his loyalty and generosity. He had a slightly unusual upbringing, as his parents were great friends and constant companions of the Chris-

ties of Glyndebourne. He played in the orchestra at Glyndebourne when still only 14; the association helped to inspire his lifelong interest in

John Patrick David Mounsey was educated at Eton, where he was Captain of the Oppidans; for the rest of his life he was always proud of being the first head of a house to introduce compulsory baths. After Eton he read classics at King's College, Cambridge, where he develnped a keen interest in linguistics. He was an above-average artist and draughtsman and after Cambridge began training as an architect. However, on a visit to Paris he sat for too long on a sun-drenched balcony and developed severe heatstroke with cerebral complications. When he recovered he abandoned the idea of architecture, determined to become a doctor, and studied medicine at King's College

Hospital, London. Although he was a comparative latecomer to medicine, his rise in the profession was meteoric. He qualified in 1944 and was appointed Sherbrook Research Fellow at the London Hospital in 1951. At the hospital he was also doctor to the staff, and was as happy

looking after the cleaners as the consultants. He became a lecturer at the Postgraduate Medical School, Hammer-smith, in 1960, and senior lecturer and sub-dean in 1962. In 1967 he was appointed deputy director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, and in 1969 he became Provost of the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff. The appointment of such a

ouintessential Englishman caused some surprise and even criticism. He nevertheless made a great success of the office and was soon engrossed in the medical and academic world in Wales, confounding his critics by even learning to speak Welsh. He took endless pains to achieve an accent which

would be acceptable when he made official speeches in Welsh, as he frequently did. Mounsey became a member

of the Council of St David's University College, Lampeter, and was a member of the South Glamorgan Area Health Authority, as well as being the University of Wales's representative on the General Medical Council and serving on the General Dental Council. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Wales in 1980. While still a practising cardiologist. Mounsey wrote extensively on heart and lung disease and he later became assistant editor of the British

Heart Journal. He retired to Gloucestershire, where he was able to return to his early love of music as well as to painting and gardening, and to devote himself to his family.

He was married to Sally King, who predeceased him in 1990. He is survived by his son and daughter.

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LUCILLE LORTEL

Lucille Lortel, theatrical producer, died in New York on April 4 aged 98. She was born on December 16, 1900.

TWO unrelated things earned Lucille Lortel the epithet "the Queen of Off-Broadway": a traditional husband and a shortage of oats. Her husband put a stoo to her budding acting career when he demanded that she stay at home in the evenings. But the bored dutiful wife reinvented herself as a producer when a grain shortage on her country estate allowed her to convert the barn into a

Over the next fifty years, she helped some of the greatest names in modern theatre - including Edward Albee, David Marnet and Sam Shepard - to make it in the Off-Broadway theatre. Always in search of the new and experimental, she was interested not in staging the classics, but in supporting playwrights who were still searching for a voice and an audience. "Shakespeare is not a new writer - he does not need my help," she

once said. Born Lucille Wadler, she changed her name, after attending the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, to Lucille Lortel when her sister and a friend determined that actresses should have alliterative names. Lortei made her Broadway debut in 1925 in the Theatre Guild production of Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra, with the similarly alliterated Helen Hayes as Cleopatra and Lionel Atwill as Caesar

She then worked steadily on the stage until her marriage in 1930 to the businessman Louis Schweitzer, a chemical engineer who made his fortune manufacturing cigarette papers. He objected to her absence in the evenings, and after finishing her run with Jean Arthur and Claude Rains in The Man who Reclaimed his Head in 1931, she retired from the stage and worked only during the days, on radio and in movie shorts.

In 1947 she resolved to turn the empty barn at her estate in Westport, Connecticut, into a theatre. She christened it the White Barn Theatre and declared that is would function without commercial pressure. From its first production — a play called *The Painted Wagon* — it became the focus of a new, non-traditional American theatre. Lortel encouraged young playwrights, acrors and directors to bring their experimental works. Among the plays that had their premieresat the White Barn were Eugene Ionesco's The Chairs, Sean O'Casey's Red Roses for Me and Murray Schisgal's The Typists, and the actors who made their debuts at the White Barn included Peter Falk. Vincent Gardenia, George Peppard and Sidney Lumet

In 1955, while Lortel was flourishing in her second incarnation as a producer, her husband was growing weary of the constant flow of actors and directors

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Guthrie and Mr. Iden Payne, the two

To brilliancy of colour Mr. Iden

Payne adds a consistent solidity of

definition. A ship, a castle, a throne

room - these on the Stratford stage

have value not merely because they

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie, whose scenery

and costumes are designed by Motley. also seeks the equivalent in colour of a

trumpet call. The stage of the Old Vic

glows with colour from emblazoned

shields and surcoats richly embroidered

and from banners which fall forward

sions to archaeological accuracy.

producers, are very different.



Lortel (1989): helped to establish some of the greatest names in modern drama

living on the estate. So as both a 24th wedding anniversary present and a compromise, he bought her the Theatre de Lys in New York's Greenwich Village.

In New York, Lortel continue to use her connections and her husband's financial resources to produce plays that were not commercially attractive to Broadway. But despite this policy, her first production, Brecht and Weill's The Threepenny Opera, ran for seven years, and put

Off-Broadway on the map. The success was gratifying, but the long run frustrated her ambition to mount several productions each year, so in 1956 she began a series of matinee readings, giving actors opportunities to develop their talent. These readings series ran for 20 years and attracted many of the most serious actors of the day. A verse adaptation of Alan Paton's novel Cry the Beloved Country was the first to be staged, followed by readings of poetry by Robert Frost, Archibald MacLeish and W. H. Auden, and plays by O'Casey, Tennessee Williams, Albee and William Inge. When Richard Burton was performing Camelot on Broadway at night, he appeared at Lortel's theatre during the

day to read Dylan Thomas's poetry.

Lortel was always hungry for new talent, and travelled to Europe regularly to scout for it. She once said in an interview that the influence of George Devine and the Royal Court was very

powerful, and they inspired her to bring that spirit to Off-Broadway. In the 1950s and 1960s Lortel was indefatigable in her efforts to mount new plays and expose American audienc-

es to fresh faces and voices. She also made a point of working with blacklist-ed actors. In all she produced 500 plays at her theatre, including Jean Genet's The Balcony, David Mamet's A Life in the Theatre, Sam Shepard's Buried Child and Wendy Wasserstein's Isn't It Romantic.

In her honour, the building was renamed the Lucille Lortel Theatre in 1981. In her last two decades she continued to tackle difficult, non-commercial and provocative themes, including Aids in Larry Kramer's Destiny of Me. and apartheid in Blood Knot by Athol

Fugard. Lorrel once said she had no hobbies beyond theatre production. She was a generous donor to theatrical institutions. including Yale Repertory Theatre, and in 1996 she established the Lucille Lortel fellowship for playwrights. She received virtually every award in the theatre except a Tony Award, which is given for plays produced on Broadway. She was the recipient of the Lee Strasberg Lifetime Achievement Award, and was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame in 1990. Louis Schweitzer died in 1971. There

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Nursing Home, Surrey, after a long illness. The cremetion will be at cremation will be at Slough Crematorium. Stoke Poges Road, Slough on Thursday 8th April 1999 at 4.20 pm, followed by refreshments at the Grenadier Guards Club, Windsor, it was my father's request that no one wears black. Flowers and donations to F. Smith & Sons, 12 Richmond Road, Staines, Middleexx TW18 2.88 - cheques to Road, Staines, Middlesex TW18 2AB - cheques to Mrs L. Sleep on behalf of a school for blind & handicapped children.

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Wilson MA, MD, FRCP Which RA, MD. RCF (Retired Senior Consultant Geratrician for Aberdeen and the North East, Scotland) et Hawkhill Reven Milliant Home, Militimber, Aberdeen on Monday April 5th 1989. Aged 81 years, beloved husband of the late Helen Marshali Wilson, father of David, Dorothy and Douglas and grandfather of Chlos, loanns and Colin. Service ts Aberdsen Crematorius Haziehead (West Chapel) on Priday April 9th at 3.35pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES ARMER - A Memorial Service for Major Edward Hethersett Charles Garnier M.C. will take place at SS Peter and Paul Church, Shropham, Norfolk, on Saturday May

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BOYLE - A Service of Thankspiving for the life of Charles Leofric Boyle will be hold on Sunday 18th April at 3 pm at St Saviour's Church, Eton Road, Loudon NW3. REES - A Service of

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ON THIS DAY

A friendly rivalry exists between the **April** 7, 1937 Old Vic and Stratford, and Henry V. now to be seen on both these stages, invites a general comparison. The methods of approach of Mr. Tyrone

In this Tyrone Guthrie production Olivier led a strong cast that included Harcourt Williams, Jessica Tandy, Ivy St Helier, Alec Guinness, Stephen Murray and Leo Genn.

create atmosphere but because they are and fold themselves into tents for the so pleasingly themselves; and the effect camp scenes, but this polychromatic is that of turning the pages of a child's picture book which has some pretensplendour is set off not by realistically painted vistas but by a simple arrangement of curtains. The appeal is to a more adult aestheticism.

The performance as a whole moves with a firmer tread than its country counterpart, and the Henry of Mr. Laurence Olivier moves firmly with it. We find it comparatively easy to overlook the ugly side of the warring

king and to delight in him as the heroic inspirer of a small army which fights and routs another five times its size. Mr. Olivier suggests fortitude and similar undramatic virtues which, because control is of their essence, are by no means easy to represent on the stage. With a minimum of heroic gestures and a clear avoidance of rant, he contrives steadily to impress the mind with the image of a heroic character. The preliminary episode of the tennis balls is given a rare vibrant quality, and here the hard-bitten Archbishop of the resourceful Mr. Harcourt Williams is an enormous help.

were no children of the marriage.

Mr. Olivier is also especially effective in his handling of the aristocratic traitors and in defending himself from the criticisms of that incorrigible grouser. Williams; nor does he fail when forced to stand and deliver up his rhetoric at the breach of Harfleur and on the morning of St. Crispin's day. It is a finely judged performance. Miss Jessica Tandy and Miss Ivy St. Helier, borne on a litter for the French lesson, live daintily up to their silken splendour.

THE TIMES TODAY

BALKANS WAR

Nato rejects Serb ceasefire offer

An offer from Belgrade to begin a unilateral ceasefire in Kosovo from 7pm last night was rejected out of hand by Nato leaders, who claimed it was merely a ploy to stop the airstrikes. The announcement of a ceasefire came after a day in which Nato aircraft carried out the largest number of bombing sorties so far in the campaign...Reports, pages 1-6

Serb actions 'evil'

War crimes and genocide are being committed in Kosovo on a massive scale as Serbs systematically kill or force out the Kosovan Albanians, according to a graphic account by America's special ambassador on war crimes ... Page 2

Firepower boost

The American decision to deploy the Gulf War-proven Multiple Launch Rockel System to strike at Yugoslav military facilities will significantly increase the firepower available to Nato commanders. It was one of the weapons that caused such destruction in the Gulf War

KLA appeals for aid

The Kosovo Liberation Army launched a desperate appeal for military aid to defend up to half a million ethnic Albanians in villages the guerrillas still hold against the Serb onslaught, and vowed to become "Nato's ground troops" in the Balkan campaign... Page 4

Nato bombs kill 12

Dragan Miladinovic earned little, but had won the respect of all who knew him. On Monday night the 67-year-old was killed by Nato. with his wife and daughter, as his neighbourhood was flattened by what Brussels calls precision

Suspects hear toll of bomb victims One by one, all 270 names of the Lockerbie bomb victims were read out to the two Libyans suspected of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103. On their first full day in Scottish custody, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamine Khalifa Fhimehok sat for two hours as Dumfries and Galloway police read out the detailed warrant outlining the charges against them......Page 10

Bard means business Cranfield University School of

Management in Bedlordshire has teamed up with the Globe Theatre in Southwark to offer courses on what Shakespeare can teach today's high-powered corporate executives.....

Scots go into battle

The campaign for Scotland's first parliament in 300 years began with Labour accusing nationalists of downgrading plans for independence. The Scottish Labour leader Donald Dewar accused the Scottish National Party of dishonesty over plans for an inde-

'Phone neck' a pain

Office workers who spend hours hunched over the telephone and tapping at a computer are putting themselves at risk of more than a pain in the neck. A condition christened "phone neck" can cause problems in the spine, arms and

New guide to nannies

Parents should employ people to look after their children only if they agree not to smack them, the Government advised. The first official guide on employing a nanny effectively outlaws physical punishment of children by people pendence referendum......Page 12 acting in loco parentis....Page 14

Aussie prawn bigger than the barbie

■ Throwing a prawn on a barbie will never be quite the same again. A giant crustacean previously unknown to science is about to make its debut on the Australian menu. It's emerged from Sydney Harbour and dates back to the Jurassic era. It looks like a cross between a lobster, a prawn and a praying mantis and grows to between 8in and 16in......

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Buckingham Palace will take on a Caribbean feel next Monday and Thursday when a detachment of the Jamaican Defence Force moves in to mount guard. The 120-strong Jamaican contingent is in Britain as part of an exchange programme with the Coldstream Guards

BUSINESS

Shares surge: The stock market hit a record high while the pound slid to an 18-month low against the dollar on renewed hopes that the Bank of England will again cut interest rates tomorrow...... Mobile boom: The number of mobile phone users jumped dramatically over the last year and is set to keep booming throughout 1999, according to new figures ... Page 23 Tie Rack: Tie Rack is leaving the stock market, with one of its main suppliers. Frangi, paying just 431/2p a share for a company that floated at 145p a share in 1987...... Page 23 Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 85,30 points to 6415,3. The pound fell 1.52 cents to \$1.5898 and 0.32p against the euro to 67.89p. The sterling index fell to 101.7..... Page 26

Football: Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool striker, has been charged with misconduct by the FA for pretending to sniff cocaine after scoring a goal in the Merseyside derby against Everton..... Rugby union: Graham Henry, the Wales coach, named an unchanged side but England's Clive Wood-

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ward must await fitness reports settling on his line-up...... Page 38 Golf: The Masters this week will be the last major championship that Earl Woods, Tiger's father and mentor, will be able to attend for ... Page 42 Simon Barnes: "f fear Robbie Fowler has fallen into the clutches of the humouriess. Moral: don't make jokes. Ever. The humourless al-

Perfectly Candide: As the National

Theatre prepares for the opening of Candide, the lyricist Stephen Sondheim explains the history behind his long association with Bernstein's musical..... Rising star: At 16, the actor Raymond Pickard has scored quite a double: he plays Robson Green's son in a TV drama, and is making his stage debut in Kes......Page 32 Dizzy ride: In East London the Turner Prize winner Douglas Gordon unveils his latest installation, an apt homage to Hitchcock's movie classic Vertigo Page 33 Movie murder: in the wake of a recent Supreme Court ruling, there

are signs that Hollywood is getting nervous about portraying gruesome crimes on screen...... Page 34

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

John Travolta plays a

lawyer who takes on

corporate giants in

writer-director Steve

Zaillian's true drama

entranced by a graceful, gentle novel that does

not shy from the truth

■ BOOKS

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Hidden world: Autism is believed to be a mild form of brain damage. Now the world inhabited by those with autism is being explored with imaging equipment to see how the brain functions... Kidnepped: In the second extract

from his book. Chris Moon tells of his encounter with the Khmer Rouge.

Top tips: Make the best of your savings; why the lottery is a waste of money; credit agencies...... Page 15

Snacks: We know you hoard food in your office drawer. So which snacks are the best?.....

On the move: Why the smart money is moving into historic Bermondsey in inner London.......Page 35

Earlier this year Kofi Annan, with American approval, assured Colonel Gaddafi that only the two suspects, not the Libyan Government. would be put on trial. But Mr Annan's assurance should not preclude questioning about who might have ordered the suspects to carry out the bombing. There remain many unanswered questions about the Lockerbie case, including whether Syria or Iran may also have played a role.

Preview: New six-part drama series set in the aftermath of a huge asteroid collision that destroys human civilisation. The Last Train (ITV 9.45pm) Review; Charles Lane's preaching of Four legs good, two legs better comes as a shock to Joe Joseph Pages 42, 43

The final test

At a time when Europe's capacity for unity and leadership has been so tragically questioned in the Balkans, it may seem troubling to discuss the issue of whether the single currency will create a political feder ation in Europe....

Serbs bearing gifts Mr Milosevic's aim over the next few days will be to spread division among Nato nations, not to reconcile Kosovo with Serbia Page 10

Chalk and cheese

The NUT executive would, it seems, prefer equality of poverty to differential affluence.......... Page 19

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JAMES PETTIFER

The West has fêted Skopje's ruler, President Gligorov, as a moderate. Its support for his attempts to achieve "stability" because of the war that stretches across the political kaleidoscope then Mr Cook's smears will prove as myopic as they are historically illiterate. Page 18

achieve "stability" have acted as a quiet way of helping Serbia ... But there has been a high price to pay in civil liberties......Page 18

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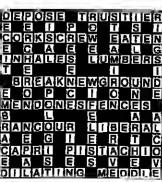
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☐ General: Scotland will have a bright and breezy morning with a few scattered sharp showers, dying away. Rein in west by dusk, Much of England and Wales will be dry with some surny spells. ☐ London, SE England, Cent S England, Channel Isles: showers cleaning to leave a mostly dry atternoon with surny spells. Moderate NW wind, Max 12-15C (54-59F). ☐ England, E. Mildfands, E. England, Cen.

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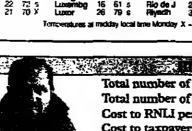
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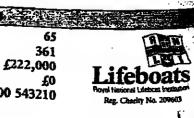
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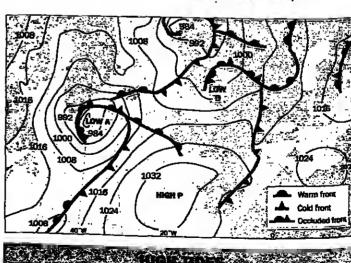
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The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed up 85.8 points at 6.415.8 on the first day of the new financial year. having earlier posted an alltime trading high of 6,443.9. The market was also bol-

stered by a flood of fresh money as investors rushed to meet the final deadline for Peps and a strong rise on Wall Street while European markets were shut for the Easter Monday holiday. However, later gains were limited by a poor start on

Wall Street yesterday with the .was falling towards a level Dow Jones industrial average where the ECB may be restanding about 50 points lower back below the 10,000 level

by hunchtime in New York. Other European markets also played catch-up with Wall Street, with Frankfurt shares climbing 2.6 per cent, while Paris shares closed up 1.76 per

Expectations of an ECB rate cut after its meeting tomorrow were tempered, however, by hawkish comments from Jean-Claude Trichet, Governor of the Bank of France. M Trichet gave warning that the euro

quired to "demonstrate its vigi-lance", adding that he saw no "change in tone" to the ECB's policy stance.

The euro, however, made sharp gains in later trading as traders greeted the news of the Yugoslav ceasefire as positive for the embattled currency. The euro climbed more than a cent from its lows against the dollar to trade at \$1.0840. Against the pound, the euro jumped from 67.37p to 68.10p. Sterling also fell sharply

against the dollar slipping

more than a cent and a half to \$1.5898 — its lowest level since September 1997. Traders said that expectations of further UK rate cuts and the possibility that US rates may rise is helping to depress the pound against the dollar.

However, economists emphasised that the MPC meeting, which begins today, could still prove close run with recent surveys suggesting that the economic growth rate is beginning to pick up again.

Three surveys published yes-terday added to the impression that the economy is at a turning point with business confidence sharply improving. The Confederation of British Industry my is still operating at "two speeds" with manufacturing consumer, business and profesconfidence still below its longsional services survey reported term average The BDO business trends ina rapid improvement in senti-

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Mobile phones

City reserves judgment on pre-pay frenzy

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Huge sales rise boosts mobile phone firms

BY CHRIS AYRES

RIES REARLY 1.9 million Britons ought mobile phones over se past three months, accordig to figures out yesterday. The lith some analysts estimating bat more than a quarter of the untry's population now use re-free telephone services.

The figures follow the mole phone industry's busiest er Christmas trading peri-그 during which Britain's big ur network operators — Votitine, Cellnet, Orange, and ne20ne - attracted a total of 5 million new customers.

Telewest shares lifted by CWC talk

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

SHARES of Telewest, the cable operator, sbot up nearly 7 per cent to a iigh of 2964p yesterday after growing speculation that it is close to dong a deal with Cable & Wireless, the international telecoms group. The 19p rise at Tele-

west was a reaction to

speculation that C&W is

considering a plan to

merge the residential side of its majority-owned UK cable business — Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) - with Telewest. Under the plan it is speculated that C&W would then absorb the corporate operations of CWC and that CWC would be taken private. CWC and Telewest confirmed yesterday that preliminary discussions were being held between them "and certain of their major shareholders concerning various corporate options, which may include, among oth-

er things, the transfer of

various businesses of

CWC and Telewest".

Yesterday's figures did not overshoot City expectations, but analysts said that they provided fresh evidence of the success of so-called pre-pay mobile phones. Shares of Vodafone and Orange both made significant gains, while shares of BT and Cable & Wireless, which hold large stakes in Cellnet and One2One respectively.

also rose. Pre-pay mobile phones are typically priced at £69.99 and allow customers to pay for calls in advance. All Britain's mobile phone operators now offer pre-pay phones, which can be bought from retailers such as Tesco and Boots, as

well as specialist outlets. However, one of Britain's largest mobile phone retail chains, the PocketPhone Shop, yesterday gave warning that lower-paying pre-pay phone customers are replacing the mobile operators higherworth consumers. The retailer also said that many consumers are being "mis-sold" pre-pay phones, which do not offer

them best value for money. Both the City and mobile phone companies, however, shrugged off these concerns, with analysts reacting most positively to Cellnet's firstquarter figures, which showed that it attracted 479,000 net new customers during the peri-od — a 444 per cent increase

on the same quarter of 1998. Cellnet, however, remained second to Vodafone, which attracted 700,000 net new customers in the UK during the period, and 1.3 million new customers around the world. Vodafone, which is orchestrating a £67 billion merger with America's AirTouch, now has more than 10.4 million custom-

ers worldwide.
Orange remained in third place according to yesterday's figures, attracting 370,000 net new customers during the first quarter of this year. Trailing behind Orange was One2One. which is expected to be either floated or sold by its current owners, Cable & Wireless of the UK, and MediaOne of the One2One attracted 329,000 new customers during the first quarter, giving it a tolal of 2.25 million customers.

mobile frenzy, page 27



Fashion move. Tie Rack, the tie and scarf retailer that was founded and floated during the Eighties high street boom, is to be sold to one of its main Italian suppliers for £22.6 million, just a fifth of its stock market valuation of two years ago (Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent, writes).

Frangi, a producer of silk ties and scarves that is based on Lake Como in northern Italy, is offering

ration company in which the former

Tory Energy Minister Tim Eggar is

chief executive, is in discussions with

several oil companies, including Enter-

prise Oil and Lasmo, which could lead

to a takeover (Carl Mortished writes).

The company, which owns extensive

exploration acreage in Turkmenistan

Monument Oil talks

with several suitors

said the company was looking at vari-ous options including asset deals as well

as acquisinons. "Those talks may or

may not lead to a transaction." he said. The talks stem from Mr Craven Walk-

er's belief that the company needs scale

to exploit its three core assets: oil and

gas production in Liverpool Bay and ex-

ploration prospects in Turkmenistan

43%p a share. The Rack's directors and its main shareholder Vadep, part of the HSBC banking group, have agreed to sell a total of 42.6 per cent of

Roy Bishko, the founder and chairman who took the company to the market in 1987, is remaining as co-chairman alongside Simone Frangi, above. currently international director of his family's firm.

Tie Rack non-executive directors Gillian Oakes and David Spitz, who will be remaining with the company, said in a statement: "The company is going through a difficult period and we believe this cash offer represents good value for shareholders after taking into consideration the downside risks and the time it will take to achieve an acceptable

level of profitability." The Rack bows out, page 24

Prescott appoints rail franchising director

Minister, will today appoint an executive from within the industry to shake up the railways (Arthur Leathley

Mike Grant, deputy director of property at Railtrack, is to be appointed the new rail franchising director, renewing a working relationship with Sir Alastair Morton, his former boss at

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime debt-laden group. His work at Eurotunnel brought him into close contact with Sir Alastair, who is to head the

new Strategic Rail Authority. Mr Prescott has been anxious to appoint a franchising director with de-tailed knowledge of the railway industry and a business background. Mr Grant will be responsible for renegotiating franchises with train companies. His appointment follows that of Tom

Winsor, a City lawyer, as the rail regu-lator, whose main role will be to review the access charges imposed on franchising companies by Railtrack

Robinson nets £5m in option sale

BY DOMINIC WALSH

GERRY ROBINSON, chairman of Granada, has reaped a profit of more than £5 million after taking advantage of the recent strength of the leisure group's share price to cash in

share options. Last week, he exercised 537,500 share options at a cost of almost £1.4 million, selling them on yesterday for nearly E6.7 million — a profit of E5.26 million. Mr Robinson and his family still hold interests in more than 300,000 shares

worth a further £3.7 million. His timing could turn out to be impeccable. Tomorrow ONdigital. the main commercial digital terrestrial TV service, in which Granada has a 50 per cent stake, will announce its first subscriber numbers since the November launch. Analysts are not expecting a

spectacular performance. Yesterday, the shares rose 25p to £12.39 — almost double October's low point of 684p after Goldman Sachs added Granada to its recommended list of stocks.

as well as a 20 per cent share in the Livand Algeria. Last month he opened the erpool Bay field, said that it had been door to merger talks by saying the com-Eurotunnel. Mr Grant, who joined Railtrack only approached by a number of parties but pany was keen to participate in the consix months ago, was formerly treasurer at Eurotunnel and played a pivotal role in the £8.5 billion refinancing of the had not received a firm proposal. solidation that has swept across the in-Tony Craven Walker, chairman and principal shareholder of Monument, dustry, most recently with the proposed BP Amoco takeover of Arco.

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S Internet madness continued yesterday as eToys, a virtual toy seller, became the latest company to be valued by the stock market at more than \$1 billion (£610 million) - despite posting multimillion dollar losses.

The California-based company announced that it would offer about 8 per cent of its shares to the public, raising more than \$80 million and giving it a market capitalisation

of about \$1.1 billion. Succeeding in the Internet toy market will not be child's play for eToys. The tiny retailer will compete against the name recognition of the likes of Toys 'R' Us, which has as much as 20 per cent of the toy

market in the US. For its part, eToys is betting that parents and children will prefer shopping from the comfort of their homes rather than battle through queues and crowds at shopping malls.

Game on for US virtual toy seller

To judge from investor response to previous flotations by Internet retailers, it would be no surprise if eToys rockets

in value as soon as its shares are traded publicly. Last week, shares in Priceline.com. an Internet site where people bid for airline tickets and accommodation, soared more

than 500 per cent on the day that it was listed. Different from other Internet retailers, eToys has broad support from wholesalers as

well as Web-hungry investors. The company has been helped by toy manufacturers that are tired of the unpredictable nature of business at existing toy retailers - Toys 'R' Us cut its toy inventory last year as it struggled to lift profitability. The toy market in the US is

and is dominated by a few large chains. EToys started selling toys in

October, 1997, and was the fifth most-visited Internet retailer by last December. However, it made a \$15.4 million loss in the nine months to December 31. The company has added 75,000 new customers in the first three months of 1999, giving it a customer base of 365,000.

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AstraZeneca

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patents end

TOM MCKILLOP, chief exec- in the new group, narrowly the

world's biggest drugs compa-ny, traded for the first time yes-

terday, falling 91p to £29.46.

Dr McKillop said that he had set June t as the date to

have the group operating as a

single company. This will involve a wide-ranging shake-

up of management responsibil-ities, the setting of new budg-ets and an integration of com-

AstraZeneca is aiming to se-

cure \$1.1 billion of annual cost-

savings from the merger over

the next three years. Dr McKil-

lop would not say how many of the group's 55,000 employ-ees are expected to lose their jobs, but said it would be less

He said that the merger, an-

nounced in December "has

been concluded in record time

- 80 working days", which he

described as a "tremendous

performance".

Dr McKillop said that his priority after completing the integration was to tackle the

threat to AstraZeneca's sales posed by the patent expiries on

its two biggest sellers. Losec, the Astra ulcer drug that is the

world's biggest-selling medi-

cine, is expected to start to lose

its protection against competi-

tors from April 2001. Zestril.

the Zeneca heart drug, will be vulnerable from mid-2002.

Dr McKillop said: "We have

launched 12 products in recent years. We have got as many again scheduled for launch by

2001. We have got a very active

in-licensing programme."
Zeneca's shares had been

strong in the run-up to the for-

mal completion of the merger.

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secking to increase their weight in the stock.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CBI in co-operation

THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY and

the British Chambers of Commerce have begun a series of

talks on co-operation that could lead to a merger of the busi-

ress organisations. While neither side expects a sudden men-

er, neither is ruling out the possibility. A fusion of the two

would be the logical conclusion of their present efforts to boost their lobbying voice and pool their resources and exper-

tise. The two groups share views and concerns on a number

of policy areas including regional work and help for small businesses. Both are strong supporters of the European single currency. Co-operation on these issues would give both

parties a stronger voice in dealings with the Government and

The CBI is regarded as the representative of big business with 170 trade association members and 2,500 direct mem-

bers, while the BCC is seen as the voice of smaller companies with 120,000 members. Talks between Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, and Chris Humphries, Director-General of the BCC, come as Mr Turner prepares to quit his post at the end of this year.

House prices rise

talks with BCC

Tie Rack bows out quietly with Italian sale

By Sarah Cunningham RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

TIE RACK will be leaving the stock market with none of the razzmatazz that greeted its arrival 12 years ago. When it floated in 1987 - just weeks ahead of the market's crash on Black Monday - the issue was 85 rimes oversubscribed and a queue snaked around the Bank of England as investors made desperate last-minute attempts to get hold of the shares.

Like Sock Shop, Knickerbox and the Body Shop. Tie Rack was riding

utive of the newly merged AstraZeneca, is planning to ride

out the expected loss of sales

from Losec and Zestril, the

big-selting drugs that are ap-

aim to "at least replace" the lost sales with new products and drugs licensed in from oth-

er companies.

Speaking after the completion of the Anglo-Swedish merger, Dr McKillop said that

he was seeking a rapid integra-

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ASTRAZENECA, Glaxo Well-come and SmithKline Bee-

cham are set to lose out to

American drug companies over the next five years, ac-

cording to a report from a new pharmaceutical research firm.

ing medicines and a failure to

replace the lost sales with new

blockbusters means that Euro-

pean firms are forecast to sup-

ply only three of the world's 25

best-selling drugs by 2002. Ten

years ago, the success of Brit-

ish industry leaders meant that

European companies were re-

sponsible for half of the top 50.

up by Jonathan de Pass. former head of healthcare re-search at BZW, argues that

US companies have read the

market better, recognising the huge appeal to US consumers

of drugs that ease the pain

and burden of growing old.

Evaluate Pharma, a firm set

Patent expiries on big-sell-

He said AstraZeneca would

proaching patent expiries.

on the wave of the Eighnes retailing boom. A successful new category had been inveoted, niche retailing, and investors wanted a part of it.

Now, even though Tie Rack survived as an independent quoted company longer than many of its peers, it has finally succumbed. One of its main suppliers, an Italian familyowned silk scarf and tie manufacturer named Frangi, is buying it. Roy Bishko, the South African entrepeneur who started Tie Rack in 1981, is taking out about £500,000 and is remaining as co-chairman. He will also own nearly 12 per cent of the company. Frangi, however, is paying just 43top a share for a company that floated at 145p per share.

The stock market has become an increasingly unfriendly environment for small companies. Tie Rack's trading problems over the past 18 months, which have led to repeated profit warnings, had left it looking very vulnerable.

Mr Bishko feels that he has found a safe home for the company. "I'm very pleased the the company's future will be secure," he said. "From

my point of view. I have been working full, full, full time; perhaps now I will just be full, full time."

He started out in the retail trade, after false starts in dentistry and the law, with a chain of shoe repair shops. When they failed to prosper, he bought a job lot of des from a wholesaler and put them in the window at cost price. The ties — or so legend has it - sold out on the same day.

He received backing from Vadep, a Swiss investment arm of the HSBC banking group, and built up what he claimed was "the smallest multinational in town". Along the way, however, Tie Rack went through some dreadful omes. The high street recession at the beginning of the decade and an ill-advised expansion into the US saw the shares fall to a low of 156p in 1990. The recovery lasted unol mid-1997. when the first of its recent profits warn-

ings sent them almost into freefall.

Mr Bishko says he is not bitter about his experiences with the stock market and remains proud of the company's record. "You can look at us and say we floated at 145p and are selfing at 43kp, but we did make money."

Evans to join up with Curnock

lion International Biotechnology Trust as NM Rothschild withdraws from the sector.

vestment specialists.

The deal will allow Mr Curnock Cook to continue the RBU's active involvement in the companies IBT backs - a policy seen to have hampered its freedom to sell out of problem companies. Mr Curnock Cook is chairman of Biocompatibles International, an IBT investment that was one of the most spectacular casualties of the

shump in biotech share prices.
Dr Evens has also had prob-lems. Celsis has lost 80 per debt financing arrangements that previously allowed Dr early stage investments.

Dr Evans said that he and Mr Curnock Cook, who will be chief executive of Merlin Bioscience, had learnt from their mistakes, particularly the im

Merlin, which is seeking to raise a £100 million fund, will also take on the management of RBU's Australian and Cana-

dian biotech funds. The RBU arose out of the late

TWO of the best-known figures in the UK biotechnology industry are joining forces to take over the running of the £57 mil-

al, to form Merlin Bioscience. tures team and key members of the RBU, the new firm claims it will be one of the world's largest bioscience in-

cent of its value in 18 months and tumbling valuations have forced Merlin to rethink the Evans to take a quick profit on

portance of management.

Victor Rothschild's enthusiasm for biotech. Rothschild is withdrawing from the sector after IBT's failure to agree a merger with Biotechnology Invest-ments Limited, a larger offshore fund advised by the RBU.

Cook

Jeremy Curnock Cook, head of the Rothschild Bioscience Unit, which has been manag-ing the fund, will join Chris Evans, the founder of Chiro-science and Celsis Internation-With about 25 people drawn from Dr Evans's Merlin Ven-

CONFIDENCE is returning to the property market with house prices rising by 1.2 per cent in March, according to new figures from the Halifax. The increase, which brings annual house price inflation to 4.4 per cent, is the latest sign that the housing market is recovering from its winter gloom after a series of recent interest rate cuts. The bank said last month's rise offset the 1 per cent fall in house prices between October 1998 and February 1999. House prices fell by 0.6 per cent in February, marking the third fall in four months.

other organisations.

Backing for Moorfield

MOORFIELD ESTATES, the property minnow, has secured the backing of the secretive Barclay brothers for its £392 million purchase of a property portfolio from Royal & SunAlliance, the insurer. The company yesterday gave details of the deal; it is being funded via a limited partnership. Moorfield Capital Partners, in which the company has invested E12 million for a 24 per cent stake. Moorfield's three executive directors will own 4 per cent, while 72 per cent is controlled by Ellerman Investments, a company owned by David and Frederick Barclay.

Henry J Bean's sold

CAPITAL RADIO, which acquired the My Kinda Town restaurant group in 1996, has sold its Henry J Bean's chain for £2.4 million to a management buyout team backed by ProVen Private Equity. The deal, led by Douglas Smillie, head of Capital's international restaurant operations, includes two directly owned Henry J Bean's outlets in London and Bristol and 18 franchises, including ing Edinburgh, York, Beijing, Beirut and Bangkok, Mr Smillie said that his new company, the Henry J Bean's Group, would continue to expand overseas through franchise deals.

JSB in software buy

JSB Software Technologies, an Internel access management specialist, yesterday announced the acquisioon of Kansmen. a software company based in California, for a maximum of \$5 million (£3.1 million). The company also announced that it was raising £5 million, net of expenses, by way of an institu-tional placing and open offer. The additional funds will be used to finance the Kansmen purchase and to invest in supporting and developing its existing products. Kansmen had turnover of \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Navy chooses Flagship

FLAGSHIP TRAINING, a Vosper Thornycroft joint venture company, said that it has won a 20-year £180 million contract to design, build and operate firefighting training units for the Royal Navy. Under the contract, awarded by the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency, two new state-of-the-art fire-fighting facilities will be built for the Navy in Plymouth and in Portsmouth, while a unit in Strathclyde will be modified. It is understood to be the first big contract awarded by the Ministry of Defence under the Private Finance Initiative.

Caradon in US sale

CARADON, the builder's merchants group, said yesterday that it has finally completed its disposal programme announced six months ago. It reported that it has sold three remaining North American doors and windows businesses -Peachtree, Thermal-Gard and Caradon Doors and Windows (Canada) for \$66 million (E41 million). The three businesses. which have been bought by Nortek, last year made operating profits of £5.4 million. The deals mean that since September Caradon has sold ten businesses for a total of £134 million.

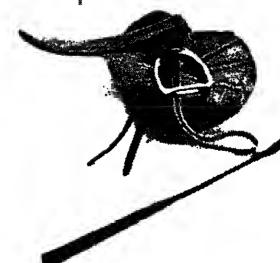
Grafton acquisition

GRAFTON GROUP, the building supplies group, yesterday announced that it has acquired Niall Bailey, a builder's merchant trading in the Birmingham area, for E13.5 million in cash, funded from the group's existing resources. Niall Bailey trades from six branches and the acquisition brings Grafton's presence in the Midlands to 29 branches. Niall Bailey had a pre-tax profit of £380,000 for the year to January 3t on turnover of £13.6 million. Grafton now operates from 85 locations, mainly in the South East and Midlands.

Balfour wins contract

BALFOUR BEATTY MAJOR PROJECTS, a subsidiary of BICC, said yesterday that it has been awarded a £75 million contract by Union Railways for the construction of the easternmost 16-kilometre sector of the Channel Tunnel rail tink from Ashford to the tunnel at Folkestone. The section is being constructed alongside the current Ashford to Folkestone line. Balfour Bearty is currently the preferred bidder for the £200 million West Coast Main Line elec-

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AEA given share boost by MoD

Michael Marx outside Development Securities' Curzon Street site, which once housed MI5

Developer reports progress

337p per share (279p) and earn-

ings per share rose 59 per cent to 66.7p. The final dividend of

2.2p (2p) brings the yearly payout to 3.3p (3p).

Lord Gowrie, chairman, attributed the increase to its de-

velopment programme, where-

by impressive letting activity

during 1998 was translated

DEVELOPMENT Securities.

the property company where Michael Marx is managing di-

rector, reported an increase of 6l per cent in pre-tax profil for the year to December 3l, to £20 million, from £12.4 mil-

lion last time (Saeed Shah

Net asset value increased to

writes).

AEA Technology, still feeling bruised after the share price collapse that followed its recent profits warning, has won a £26 million contract to help to ensure the safety of the reactors in Britain's nuclear subma-

The company will advise the Ministry of Defence and its new internal regulator on the safe operation and maintenance of reactors in Trident and Humer Killer submarines. Two weeks ago. AEA's shares lost 40 per cent of their

rines (Paul Durman writes). DepoTech Corporation. DepoCyt is an extended-re-

value in one day when it warned investors of weaken-ing demand for its engineering software and energy consultancy business. At 3431:p. the shares are a third of the value they raced to after the business was privatised in 1996.

Marketing lift for SkyePharma BY PAUL DURMAN

SKYEPHARMA, the drug delivery company headed by lan Gowrie-Smith. has won US markeong approval for a cancer drug acquired with its re-cent \$25.6 million purchase of

into significant development

gains. He also said that the company had benefited from

Lord Gowrie will hand over the chairmanship to Hugh Jenkins, previously an execu-

tive director of the Prudential

Corporation, at May's annual

substantial tax losses.

lease version of an off-patent drug used to treat dying patients who contract a form of meningitis that can accompany non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Peter Laing, analyst at SG Securioes, said Chiron, which will sell the drug in the US, is tooking for sales to reach \$50 million. He expects a similar level of sales in Europe. though DepoCyt has still to be filed with regulators.

Mr Laing said SkyePhar-ma's deat with Chiron should

allow it to make annual profits of \$9 million from US sales by 2002, and another \$3 million of royaloes from non-US sales. Michael Ashton, SkyePharma's chief executive, said DepoCyt offered patients an im-

proved quality of life, reducing

the number of injections they need. Marketing of the drug will trigger another payment to DepoTech's vendors. Shares in SkyePharma rose 31:p to 64p. They have been weak recently, partly because

Smithkline Beecham has not revealed its plans for the version of Paxil, its big-selling antidepressant, that SkyePharma helped to develop. Eli Lilly also abandoned work on a promis-ing heart drug on which SkyeP

Italy expected to lead return of Western presence Oil companies look to Libya

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

LIBYA'S huge oil reserves could be the next prize for Western energy companies as the country slowly sheds its pariah status and begins to court foreign investment.

Only a day after the two Libyans accused of the Lockerbic bombing were sent to a court in The Netherlands, Italy's Foreign Minister was beading to Tripoli on the first flight since economic sanctions were imposed by the United Nations in 1992. His presence confirms the importance of Libya to Italy: ENI, the Italian oil company aiready has a large pres-

ence in the country; Italy is a big importer of Libyan crude and has ambitions to link Libya to Italy's gas network.

Other oil industry executives are certain to follow as airlines renew potentially lucrative traffic to the country. Western oil-men have had to take circuitous routes to the country, overland via Tunisia or by ship. They will soon flock there as they previously rushed to Iran when the US. last year, agreed to turn a blind eye to non-US investment in the country. Libya has vast oil resources

- some 30 billion barrels of

serves, twice the level of the UK and Norway's combined oil assets. But unlike the North Sea. Libya is underexploited. its oil production in decline and suffering from underinvestment. Lasmo, the UK group headed by Joe Darby, has a big presence with a third interest in the Elephant field, which has proven reserves of 500 million barrels. Others active in Libya include Elf. of France. Repsol of Spain, and Wintershall, part of Germany's BASF.

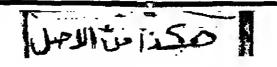
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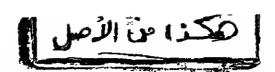
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Darby: big presence

EXCHANGE RATES





n Internet toy shop will shortly make its stock market debut with a valuation of more than \$1 billion. Never mind the multiple on earnings — there are none — the price is more than 45 times the company's total sales last year.

Clearly, it would be wrong to say that investors have lost their appetite for niche retailers. By comparison with the enthusiasm now being generated by eToys. the reception which greeted the launch of Tie Rack back in 1987 seems positively staid. The share issue, 85 times oversubscribed. was at least for a company with a profit record.

Admittedly, eToys is planning to play on the American stock market, but it might encounter a similarly rapturous welcome in the UK, such is the current enthusiasm for any stock with Internet connections. But niche retailing, whether on line or on station forecourts, has its limits.

The redoubtable Roy Bishko at least held out very much longer than Sophie Mirman, the Sock Shop founder. She found a niche and exploited it but did not know when to stop. Her expansion plans went far beyond the market she had found.

By their very nature, niches have limits. Even bored travellers do not have an insatiable appetite for Mickey Mouse ties and stripey socks. Tie Rack had the ambitions of a big business when it is, essentially, a small one. And

Niche work if you can get it

small companies are no longer welcome on the stock exchange. But there should still be back-

ers for bright new retailers who can spot that clusive gap in the market. Trained eyes are currently focused on The Holding Com-pany, the brainchild of an Ameriwoman whose enthusiasm for keeping things tidy inspired her to open a shop devoted to help-ing people to keep their things m order. So successful has the first branch been that THC is now developing into a chain. Il could even be heading for an appearance on the World Wide Web.

It will take years before retailers can gauge how shoppers will divide their spending between the Web and the high street. The likelihood is that there will be room in the marketplace for both eToys and Toys RUs, but the newcomer has a very long way to go before it can rival the buying power of the market leader. And that brings us to the crucial issue of price.

Shoppers are more price conscious than ever, on both sides of the Atlantic. They will not happily pay a premium to buy over the Web, despite the convenience that it offers. And the price charged by the virtual retailer has to take ac-



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count of the cost of delivering the goods to the customer.

That factor could put a heavy burden on the Internet stores. Even Amazon.com, the fashionably unprofitable bookseller, demonstrates how margins suffer when books must travel.

Clever investors may find that, as ever, the real money will be made by the middle men. The distribution companies will be the first beneficiaries of e-commerce.

A victory for market forces

he battle for Kosovo has been a bizarre one by any standards. On the ground, the two sides have been operating on completely different battlegrounds with wholly disparate time horizons. In the financial markets, no one has been interested in gold, the traditional store of value in times of chaos. Yet shares have blithely broken

into new highs in New York and, eventually, in London.

Investors evidently feel that the whole thing is far too short-term to have any destablising or infla-tionary effects beyond the Balkans. The threat of a no-confidence vote succeeding in the Indian Parliament and IMF officials' haggling with Russia are proving more price-sensitive.

Only the euro has truly suf-fered. Euroland's proximity to the killing fields may have some-thing to do with it, along with the dollar's safe havens status, especially for Americans. But traders just love any excuse to kick a currency when it is down.

The pragmatic, unsentimental, market view yesterday was therefore different to that of Nato. Serbia's Easter "ceasefire" was the reality on the ground and spelt the beginning of the end of this conflict, regardless of Nato's aims or the fate of the Kosovars. So euros bounced back against the dollar and trod on the pound.

the old man in the middle of the road. The euro's post-launch debacle is not over yet but if and when it concludes, sterling may find all the bullies pointing at it and giltedged prices under pressure.

Meanwhile, there seems nothing to stop shares rising. London's FTSE 100 index would in any case have reacted yesterday to its twin's advance in New York late on Maundy Thursday. Over Easter weekend, there was more short-term good news as tens of thousands of savers rushed to buy last-minute personal equity plans while stocks lasted. Most of that money will have to go straight into UK equities.

The Pep inflow was a reminder of a more posteral force.

of a more potent force. Liquidity in pension funds remains high, a relic of the autumn 1998 correc-tion that stopped the share index improving on its July 1998 peak until about six weeks ago.

Share ratings are already dizzily high by historical standards as well as in relation to extremely

dull profit trends. The only force likely to cause another massive "correction" is a rise in shortterm interest rates. The US Federal Reserve is doing its best to hold off. But the bad news for market is eventually more likely to come from a loss of nerve in Washington than in Belgrade.

Quiet man is the big noise at C&W

hen Graham Wallace took over from Dick Brown at Cable & Wireless, he did not relinquish all interest in his former role. Since C&W continues to hold 53 per cent of Cable & Wireless Communications. Mr Wallace still has some sway over what goes on there. In fact, the profile of Greg Clarke, his successor as chief ex-ecutive at CWC, has been so low that one might assume Mr Wallace is still running the show, and continuing to negotiate the deal with Telewest which he had on his wish list last year. But Mr Wallace's plans go far

beyond that sensible merger. Dy-namic Dick Brown led the first wave of restructuring at C&W but there is much further to go. Quiet, understated Graham Wallace may be the man to create a C&W which can grab its share of the glamour raongs in which most of the telecoms sector now basks.

Deal-hungry bankers are besieging him with complicated plans. Mr Wallace may be wary: after all, he is now having to ask the courts to help him to sort out C&W's \$1.75 billion Internet purchase from the sharp shooters at MCI. So why not just opt for the easy ways of demonstrating C&W's attractions? Float mobile phone operator One2One; sell down the stakes in Hong Kong Telecom and Oprus, and, perhaps, in CWC.

That should make clear that

investors are currently getting the rest of C&W for a song. Mr Wallace is tuning up to take the company into the hit parade.

Monumental struggle

No sooner do Enterprise Oil and Lasmo stop talking about how they might engineer a friendly get together than they find themselves at odds. Monument Oil is the cause. Tim Eggar has but a negligible stake in the firm but the former Tory energy minister may still find his poliocal skills of use in playing one potential bidder off against another. Who would have emerged as chief executive in a merged L'Enterprise is unclear but now Pierre Jungels and Joe Darby have the chance to show their strengths.

Jarvis shares hit after warning on cost of strikes

By ROBERT LEA

JARVIS, the rail and roads maintenance group said yesterday that months of industrial action by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) should soon end. But it said the intermittent strikes would result in profits for the past financial year fall-

ing short of City forecasts. Afier the warning the shares fell nearly 12 per cent yesterday. Jarvis, which has expanded rapidly over the past three years to account for the maintenance of a fifth of the UK rail network, said yesterday that a new pay and conditions deal had been thrashed out. It said RMT members would vote on the new deal in the next three

recks and that the proposals would carry a recommendation from the RMT executive. The deal is, according to Henry Lafferty. Jarvis finance director, "ground-breaking after decades of little change in

working arrangements". It means that night-time and weekend working will no longer be classed as overtime but that RMT members will now receive a higher basic rate of pay. Mr Lafferty said its traditionally lower-paid workers would not now have tions. Paris Moayedi, chief exec-to put in extra time to make up utive, said: "It would be unrealtheir pay packets and that they would be able to achieve the same levels of income from being on duty fewer hours.

On the flip-side, said Mr Lafferty, this would give the company greater flexibility in overnight and weekend rostering.

However, the prolonged industrial action over changes in working practices, which had been going on since last June, will take the shine off Jarvis's results for the year to March 31. Announcing that the results will not meet market expecta-

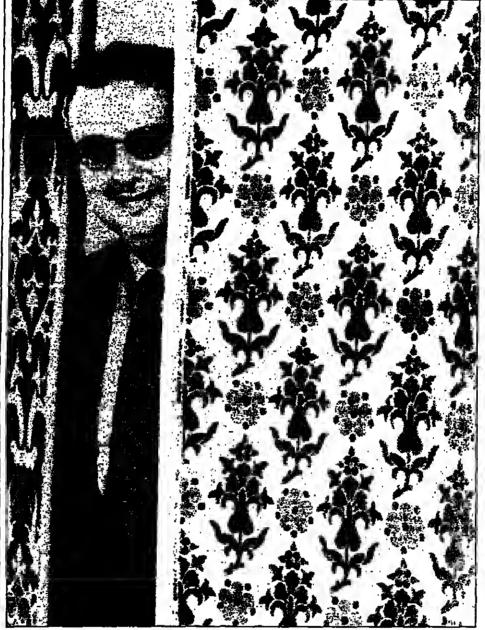


Moayedi: "strong action"

istic to assume that such a fundamental overhaul of working practices could have been achieved without some tension between the parties."

He said: "During the indus-trial action, Jarvis Rail took strong action to ensure that the company maintained its services. Inevitably, however, the cost of implementing this action had an adverse effect on the company's operating results. This was compounded by the wholly unrelated and well-publicised decision by Railtrack to defer certain renewal activities while the criteria which should be applied to renewals decisions

Peei Hunt, the broker, immediately cuts its pre-tax prolit forecast for the year to £56 million from £62.7 million. Although the company said the problems it had highlighted affected only the past financial year, Peel Hunt pulled back its forecasts for the current year to £77 million from £80 million. Jarvis shares closed down 64½p at 478p.



Papering over the cracks: Aidan Connolly expressed confidence in an upturn this year

profits fall in wake of disposals

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

WALKER GREENBANK. the company that supplied the infamously expensive wallpaper for the refurbished residence of Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, saw its profits more than halve last year after the disposal of some

Pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, in the year to January 31 fell to £3.4 million from £7.8 million. Sales were down 4 per cent to £52.4 milllon. The company made an exceptional profit of £29.7 mil-lioo on the sale of its commercial wallcoverings businesses. The company admitted that

the policy of buying up distri-bution rights in continental countries had "proved to be an expensive mistake". But Aidan Connolly, chief

executive, said that while market conditions remained difficult, especially in Europe, the company was "looking forward to a considerable improvement this year". He said that sales were run-

ning ahead of the same time last year, with two of the businesses, Zoffany and Harlequin, already returned to profit. The company will pay a final dividend of 2p (3.4p). It did not pay any interim, so the fullyear payout will be 2p (3.7p).

Greenbank | Cleveland backs cash bid from **Ashtenne**

By Saeed Shah

ASHTENNE HOLDINGS: the industrial property investment company, has made a recommended cash offer for Cleveland Trust, a property company with a similar portfolio. At IIIp per Cleveland share, the offer values Cleveland at £33 million.

The offer represents a premium of about 47 per cent to the closing middle-market price of 75%p per Cleveland share on September 9, 1998, the last dealing day prior to the an-nouncement by Cleveland that Trefick had acquired a 5.49 per cent holding in the com-pany. Trefick an Isle of Man investment vehicle holds a 14 per cent stake in Ashtenne and has built up a 28 per cent stake in Cleveland.

The purchase will be financed from Ashtenne's existing resources. Ashtenne said its acquisition of Cleveland is in line with its strategy to increase its industrial holdings in the UK.

Cleveland, which owns and operates the port of Boston in Lincolnshire, reported pre-tax profits of £1.3 million (£997,000) on turnover of £5 million (£4.3 million) for the six months to September 30, 1998. Net assets were £33 million, with asset value per share at 110.5p, compared with

News Corp finalises deals

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

The News Corporation an increased presence in US cable sports and entertainment broadcasting and added to the media group's list of lead-ing shareholders.

in the first deal, News Corp moved to full ownership of the Fox/Liberty Networks. buying out its 50 per cent partner, Liberty Media Group. the AT&T subsidiary which is run by John Malone.

Liberty's stake in the cable group, which is focused on

TWO deals yesterday gave the Fox Sports Net and FX entertainment channels, was exchanged for \$1.425 billion (£900 million) of News Corp shares. The deal represents about 5 per cent of NewsCorp

> Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive officer of News Corp, said that the deal would give the company full control over one of its fastest growing sources of revenue.

gets more fragmented, the

one thing that stands out is live-event broadcasts. draws the large numbers. It's a very strong cornerstone for all our cable strategies."

The second deal involves telephone company.

News Corp will then sell

Mr Murdoch said: "As TV

News Corp buying back \$1.39 billion worth of shares acquired in 1995 by MCI World-Com, the US long-distance

half the stake to Liberty for about \$700 million. Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi Arabian investor, will add to his existing 5 per cent parcel of News Corp shares by buying a \$200 million slice of the MCI stake.

The two deals will give Liberty an 8 per cent stake in News Corp, making it the shareholder with the secondbiggest stake. Only the Murdoch family owns more, controlling about 30 per cent of the company's shares.

News Corp owns News International, the company that owns The Times and several other UK media properties.

Banks call for universal Isa Catmark logo

By Marianne Curphey

HIGH street banks, insurers and financial services companies are clubbing together to design a logo to help investors to spot which new individual savings account (Isa) carries a

The logo could feature a car's paw, a feline face or just a simple tick to denote that the savings product meets the necessary criteria laid down by the Treasury covering costs, ac-

cess and terms. A number of companies have aiready brought out prototype Catmarked products without having a common mark or logo and there is concern that investors will be confused.

Yesterday, on the first day that the new isa was available, ten financial services companies said that they were drawing up a shortlist of four Cat logos to be used across the Direct Line, b2, Fidelity, Le-

gai & General, Marks & Spencer Financial Services, Royal & SunAlliance, Scottish Widows, Sun Bank, Standard Life and Virgin Direct are backing the plan. The Association of British insurers (ABI) and the Association of Unit Trust and Investment Funds (Autif) are also tak-

Di Skidmore, of b2, said: "We have seen a plethora of marketing logos for Cat standard products and we wanted to design a common logo which would be widely recognised." The Financial Services Authority said it had no objection to the plan provided the logo kept within its advertising rules.

Annual figures 1998

- Strong net profit growth for 1998 to NLG 5,882 millioo

- Profit per share rose by 19.2%.

Dividend increased

to NLG 2.75 (+19.6%).

(in millions of NLG/EUR***. except for amounts per share)	1997* NLG	1998 NLG	1997* EUR	1998 EUR	change
Result before taxation:					
· insurance operations	3,620	5,351	1,643	2,428	47.8
- banking operations	2.989	2.371	1,356	1,976	-20,7
Net profit	4,861	5,882	2,206	2,669	21.0
Net profit per ordinary share	5.25**	6.26	2.38	2.84	19.2
Dividend per ordinary share	2.30	2.7S	1.04	1.25	19.6
Total assets	620,400	870,300	281,525	394,925	40.3
Shareholders' equity	48,331	64,078	21,93t	29,077	32.6

Adjusted for the changes in the accounting principles:
- influence on published net profit +NLG 786 million/EUR 343 million
- influence on published shareholders' equity +NLG 2,213 million/EUR 1,004 million

Despite the turbulent conditions in the financial markets, ING Group closed the year 1998 with good results. All core activities contributed to the net profit increase, with the exception of the international corporate & investment banking activides. Especially the operations in the Benefux reported favourable results.

The total contribution of the acquired companies to oet profit was NLG 1,359 million, after deduction of finance charges. These contributions were made by BBL (NLG 1,154 mittion), Equitable of towa (NLG 161 million) and Furman Selz (NLG 44 million).

Without non-recurring items of, oo balance, NLG 1,247 million, the operational oet profit amounted to NLG 4,635 million (-3.5%). The non-recurring items were the profits made on the sale of the non-life insurance operations in the US (NLG 833 million), Libertel (NLG 445 millioot, Kredietbank Belgium (NLG 377 million) and credit insurer NCM (NLG 53 million) as well as additions to special provisions for low interest rates outside the Netherlands (NLG 331 million) and the Millennium Calamity Fund (NLG 130 million).

The cet profit from the insurance operations rose by 49.2% to NLG 4,247 million. Excluding the conrecurring items, the operational net profit amounted to NLG 3,600 million (+23.7%). Equitable of lows and

higher sales results from equities, convertible bonds and real estate contributed to this increase. The global financial crisis depressed the net profit from the banking operations, which decreased by 22.6% to NLG 1,635 million. Excluding non-recurring items, an operational net profit remained of NLG 1,035 million (-48.0%). This decrease can be entirely attributed to the non-recurring strong decline of the trading results and the extra additions to the debt provisions. The item Additions to the provision for loan losses of the banking operations increased by NLG 1,155 million to NLG 2 billion, of which NLG I billion related to Asia and Russia.

Assets under management went up by 45.3% to NLG 558 billion. Due to the uncertain economic conditions in several important markets, the Executive Board considers it premature at this stage to make a firm profit forecast for 1999. However, ING Group has a strong financial and commercial foundation. Therefore the Executive Board faces the future with confidence.



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Telecoms sector climbs on more merger talk

INVESTORS resumed the scramble for telecommunications stocks amid more talk of mergers and figures showing speciacular rises in mobile phone subscriptions.

Telewest Communications led the charge, leaping 6.8 per cent to 2964p in what was the third-biggest rise in FTSE 100 stocks on the day. Speculation centred on the possibility of Telewest merging with Cable & Wireless Communications. CWC sbares rocketed 36kp to 754450, and those of its parent. Cable & Wireless, added 23hp to 775%p. Vodafnne Gronp gained 24p to £12.0o. Orange surged 34p to 928p and Securicor, which owns part of Cell-

net, added 5p to 573p. Analysts described the mobile telephone subscription figures for the March quarter as "spectacular" and "exceptional', saying that they relocused investors' attention on the in-

dustry's huge growth profile, Energis followed suit, jump-ing 77p to £19.05, as did BT, with a rise of 54p to £10.82.

The renewed appente for telecommunications stocks combined with another surge on Wall Street on Monday to push the FTSE 100 index to a record close of 6,415.3, up 85.3 points. It peaked at 6,443.9 in mid-morning trade before profit-takers moved in. Sennment was also buoyed by strong performances on Far Easiern markets overnight and a weaker pound.

Strong gains in technology stocks on Wall Street flowed over into the London market, enabling Dixons, owner of the Freeserve Internet service, to record the biggest rise of the FTSE 100 stocks. The shares finished IIIp higher at £14.16. Reuters added 54p to 959p,

continuing its recovery from a 12-month low of 418p in October.

A bullish note from CS First Boston, the broker, saw Marks & Spencer tussle for top spot among the FTSE 100 risers for most of the day. After being a little slow off the blocks, the shares raced to CSFB said that investors were undervaluing M&S's recovery

prospects. It said that most of the retailer's recovery would be made in the second half and that M&S would reassert its market leadership in clothing over

the medium term. Next enjoyed one of its bet-



Halifax, which rose 15p to 801/2p yesterday, has been downgraded from hold to sell by Charterhouse Securities

ter days on the market since the release last month of the re-tailer's profit results. The shares jumped 25.5p to 752p. Kingfisher added 38%p to 810tep, but it was not all good news for retailers, with Great Universal Stores dropping

38p to 637½p. Banking and insurance shares enjoyed a strong day, helped by fund managers look-

ing for homes for the millions of pounds that have flowed into Peps and Tessas in the lead up to the April I deadline. Those considered to offer the best prospects of capital growth posted the strongest gains. CGU jumped 511/2p to

9834p, and Royal & Sun Alliance put on 114p to 5754p. St James's Place Capital rose 61-p to 2494-p on the back



THE embattled oil sector has started breathing a litthe easier in the past week or so thanks to promises of

production cuts. There are lingering doubts as to whether all the commitments will be honventory levels are also likely to keep the corks in the industry's champagne bottles for some time yet.

However, in a 216-page review of the sector, Merrill nies should be upgraded provided that the price remains at current levels. Merrill's forecast for Brent crude stands at \$13.50

a barrel for this year, rising to \$16.50 in 2000. It traded

at \$15 yesterday. With the prospect of an background, we are moving overweight in the sector on a six to 12-month view," the broker wrote. It says the market is yet to recognise the possibility that inventories may be no the brink of another

overcorrection, this time by

being reduced to heavily.

of cononuing speculation that it would soon be the subject of takeover bid from Prudential Corp. The Pru finished 2p

higher at 795p. Among the banks. HSBC raced to £21.03, up 58p, and Lloyds climbed 25p to 977p as brokers cited the company's track record of exceeding average earnings growth. Investors' pursuit of the bigger names also helped Standard Chartered to rise 28p to 924/pp and Bardays to gain 22n to

However, a report to be released today by Charterhouse Securioes, the broker, will advise investors to take an underweight position in the mortgage banks. Charterhouse has downgraded its recommendations on Halifax (up 15p to

801 p) and Woolwich (up 7%p to 385%p) from hold to sell.

The report says that returns on new business will about one third of that enjoyed on

the current book. Capital Radio rose 17p to 700p after it announced the sale of its Henry J Bean's restaurant brand to a management buyout team. Although the price was just £24 million. the market welcomed the deal as a further sign of Capital's gradual unravelling of its illconceived acquisition of the My Kinda Town restaurant group in 1996. Analysts believe it is just a matter of time before it sells its Latin American theme bars and restau-rants, leaving Radio Cafe as its only restaurant brand.

Investors appear to be view ing EMI Group in a more fa-vourable light since the company gave an in depth presentation to analysts last month, its first for several years. The stock put on 29/4p to 488/4p.

GILT-EDGED: UK gilt prices staged a late recovery. with the benchmark 9 per cent 2008 gilt up £1.08 to £134.52. Traders said the market had been caught long ahead of a meeting later this week of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, at which interest rates are expected to be

was 39p higher at £108.21.

NEW YORK: Wall Street bulls cooled their heels after Monday's run into the record books. News of a Serbian ceasefire in Kosovo offered little if any reason for stocks to rise. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 41.34 points at 9,965.99.

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Bitter pill to swallow

THE market spoilt the party at AstraZeneca vesterday, knocking the shares 91p lower to 129.46 on the first day of trading in the newly merged drugs group. A pause for breath was overdue - Zeneca shares had climbed from £24 only last month as investors positioned themselves for AstraZeneca's heavier weight-

ing in the FTSE 100 index. Further buying by index funds is likely to dominate short-term price movements. The heavy Swedish ownership inherited from Astra could easily apply an artificial squeeze on

The continuing growth of Losec, the Astra ulcer drug, and the \$1.1 billion of savings anticipated from the merger should ensure that

AstraZeneca will continue to grow strongly over the next three years. The market's nagging worry is the impact

of the patent expiries on Losec and Zestril, the Zeneca heart drug, that could start to bite from 2001. Tom McKillop, the chief executive talked confidently about overcoming this hurdle yesterday. Not everyone shares his faith in perprazole, the follow-up to Losec that will

face a wave of cheap competition.

Addinonally, Merrill Lynch believes that it has detected the first signs of a change in sentiment in favour of cyclicals, perhaps bringing an end to the extraordinary run enjoyed by the big drug stocks.

it is this track record that should form the biggest worry about paying £30 for AstraZene. ca. Within the last 18 months, Zeneca shares were trading for little more than £17. Such high ratings leave the sector vulnerable to the faltering attempts at US healthcare reform and other nasty surprises. Take profits.

Jarvis

THE only check on the seemingly inexorable rise of Jarvis has been its ongoing dispute with four fifths of its 5.000 workers employed on the maintenance and renewal of Britain's railways.

From 5p five years ago to 787p last summer, the company has bought businesses that now give it responsibility for 20 per cent of UK tracks. But Jarvis was founded on

former British Rail maintenance companies replete with inflexible former public sec-

tor working practices. Yesterday the company said that it has finally struck a deal that it hopes will revolutionise its industrial relations. Its maintenance work is done during the week, but at night. Its intensive engineering renewal work is done at weekends. Staff, however, have been on lowly paid contracts

salary, but flexible hours, the company said that it now has a flexible and more producrive workforce which should see the beginning of the end, for instance, of a £16 milliona-year agency staff bill to en-sure that it fulfils its contracts. The company has admitted

that it has taken a short-term for daylight weekday hours. hit. But with Railtrack's tenwith all other work paid as overtime. With a high basic year £27 billion investment programme, the fundamen-tals remain for Jarvis, which is also in road maintenance via its Streamline subsidiary.

With a share price to 1999 earnings multiple of about 16, Jarvis looks cheap among its peer group. Buy into the cur-



Monument

IF MONUMENT Oil & Gas is prepared to quil, what hope is their for the survival of lesser fry? Tony Craven Walker, Monument's chairman, has always been regarded as the cleverest in-and-out merchant in the volatile exploration sector. Not for him. huge teams of geologists and vast production teams. Monument was always an investor ready to take a chance.

Monument has a knack in timing things well: it raised £100 million last spring, tapping the share market before it fell away with the oil price. It is cash-rich in a sector burdened with debt and Mr Cramay be a buyer rather than a seller. But the colours at the masthead look more like the white flag of surrender than the Jolly Roger.

Monument has built up an interesting collection of as-sets; it has found oil but needs to get it to market.

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Transport in Turkmenistan costs \$6 per barrel, offering opportunity but no margin to-day. At \$14 per barrel, highrisk exploration is a mug's game; certainty is required but opportunities in the established fields of the Persian Gulf and Iran are being pursued aggressively by European majors, soon to be fol-

lowed by their US cousins. In such a world UK independents are marginal players, as shown by Premier Oil, which yesterday admitted defeat in Iran. Once again, Monument may be timing its

Walker Greenbank

WALKER GREENBANK is a company with very good in-tentions. It says that it is confident of "a considerable recovery" but also let shareholders know of several reasons why this could all go wrong.

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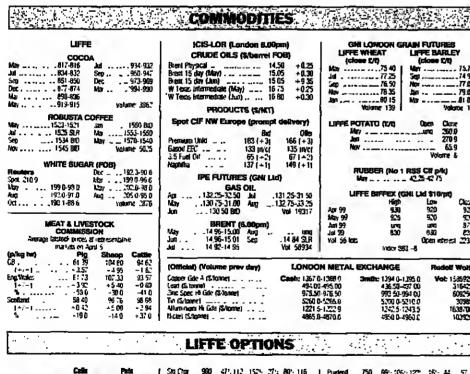
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improvement in underlying trading in the second half, a further pick-up in trade at Harlequin and contract fabrics since the year end, a strong balance sheet and

greater controls on costs. Among the macroeconomic worries, the strength of the pound could certainly have a huge effect on the company's profitability as 44 per cent of turnover is derived from exports. Also of concern will be the admission that restructuring the European business will involve some exceptional costs in the first half of the

But what is likely to have an even bigger effect on the share price is investor sentiis firmly turned against such small manufacturers

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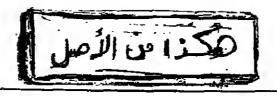
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the concept of the neutral rate of interest has been making a frequent appearance recently in the debate over UK monetary policy. For interested onlookers this trendy piece of econospeak is inherently attracrive. It does not owe its origins to complex economic theory and can

be explained easily in layman's terms as follows. Interest rates are said to be at their "neutral" level when they neither add to nor subtract from the level of economic growth. At least, in principle, this has implications for policymakers. As a rule of thumb, base rates should be below their neutral level when the authorities wish to stimulate the pace of activity. Conversely, they should be above it when the economy is re-

quired to cool down. Where the simplicity of this notion breaks down is in assessing where the neutral rate actually is. There is no firm consensus among economists. Minutes from recent Monetary Policy Committee meet-

The lessons of base rate neutrality

ings suggested that neutrality could lie in a range somewhere between 4.5 per cent to 6.5 per cent, hardly a definitive guide towards deciding where to set interest rates. A growing view though, and one expressed by at least one mem-ber of the MPC, is that neutrality is represented by base rates at about 5.5 per cent. The inference is therefore that monetary policy is currently neutral.

This begs the question: if the current stance of monetary policy is neutral, then why is it? The economy is virtually at a standstill with domestic and international factors continuing to pose risks to the downside. Fiscal policy is arguably expansionary, but only mildly so. Moreover, from industry's point of view, sterling is unhelpful-ly strong. Put plainly, base rates

should be at a level that encourages more growth. In the absence of a sudden improvement in economic prospects, this leaves two possi-bilities. Either rates have signifi-cantly further to fall or else the neu-tral rate is actually higher than 5.5 per cent. We think the latter is the case. Our estimate of neutrality is between 6 per cent and 6.5 per cent, consistent with the average for base rates since the publication of the Bank of England's first Infla-

tion Report in early 1993. Looking at the range of interest rates since then reveals an interesting story. Policy was clearly restrictive in June last year when rates were raised to 7.5 per cent. No argument here. But over the period, base rates have only been below 5.5 per cent between February and September 1994, when Kenneth



at 5.25 per cent. It is nighon impossible to believe that during these six years monetary policy has been expansionary for just seven

Implicitly the Bank's analysis seems to support our overall condusion. The green fan chart on page 46 of the latest Inflation Report shows

the Bank's projections of GDP growth on a scenario of rates remaining unchanged at 5.5 per cent. Far from remaining flat, the central path sees the economy gathering steam from an annual rate of expansion of I per cent this year to a pace approaching 3 per cent in early 2001. This reinforces our view that the current level of interest rates is generous rather than neutral.

There are two implications of this analysis. First, it should be remembered that current economic. circumstances are far from normal and that the reason for rates being as low as they are is to counteract an extraordinary set of deflation-ary economic shocks. In the near term, interest rates are likely to be brought down again. But at some point, when the economy has begun to stage a more convincing recovery, they will probably need to rise to keep a lid on growth and prevent the build-up of inflationary pressures. This contradicts the often heard view that argues that rates will continue on their downward path over the next couple of

Secondly, there is the issue of the UK's membership of the single currency. For sterling to enter safely. the Government recognises that Britain's business cycle must converge with that of the eurozone.
This, of course, is true, but to use another a piece of jargon, this condition is necessary but not sufficient. With just one stance of monetary policy applying over the euro area, it is critical that the neutral levels of interest rates in the UK and the core eurozone economies are similar. If they are not, then

rates could be acting as a restraint on, say, the German economy while simultaneously creating a boom at home. We would argue that the UK's neutral rate currently lies above that in Germany, part-ly because of higher inflation, and if this does not change, the UK's participation in EMU could be fraught with difficulties.

Note here the dangerously rapid growth of the Irish economy. made worse by the cuts in rates before it joined the single currency. Over the next three to four years. it is possible that UK inflation and expectations of inflation, are squeezed relative to those in the eurozone. In these circumstances, the neutral rate of interest would fall and help the UK on to the path of convergence. But there is no guarantee that this will occur naturally and the assumption that it will seems to signify the triumph of hope over experience.

Philip Shaw is Chief Economist at Investec in London

City reserves judgment in spite of mobile phone frenzy

Chris Ayres asks whether the rush for

pre-pay deals flatters

to deceive

months, a staggering 4.3 million Britons have bought mobile phones. The evidence is everywhere: from train carriages filled with the din of one-way conversations, to classrooms where children send electronic messages to each other instead of listening to teachers. Wherever there is human life, it seems, the irritating electronic trill of a mobile phone is not far behind.

This growth has been accompanied by an enormous amount of corporate activity. Vodafone, Britain's largest mobile phone operator, is currently orchestrating a £67 billion merger with its American rival Airtouch, while One2One is preparing for an £11 billion flotation or sale. Meanwhile, whether or not to buy the 40 per cent of Cellnet it does not

already own. Yet there is evidence to suggest that the mobile phone industry is beginning to question the marketing ploy that has helped to provoke such super-charged growth. The ploy is "pre-pay": a means by which consumers can buy mobile phone handsets for as little as £69.99, then pay for calls in advance using vouchers costing between £5 and £50.

In Italy, pre-pay was seen as the only way to sell phones to a



Brazilian footballer Ronaldo proves there is no hiding from the trill of mobile phones as he keeps in touch even on the team bus

race which loves talking but hates signing pieces of paper. By abolishing contracts and calls in advance, Italy's mobile phone operators stumbled upon one of the 20th century's most effective marketing initia-

tives. Now, nearly 40 per cent of Italians own a mobile phone. Pre-pay caught-on Britain last year and has since opened up the mobile phone market to millions of consumers who previously felt they could not afford it. Parents have been able to buy their children phones without worrying about huge bills, and consumers with bad credit histories have also been able to take the plunge. The

craze for mobile phones was ing pre-pay services, comfuelled by high street retailers such as Tesco and Boots stock-last year. Meanwhile, 40 per

At present, only about 25 per cent of Britons own a mobile phone, but many believe this will double within the next two years. As Alan Lyons, a telecoms analyst at ABN Amro, says: "Mobile phones are clear-ly going to achieve mass market penetration in the same way that television sets and video recorders have. Everyone will have one."

The percentage of mobile phone users now taking advantage of pre-pay services is astonishing. About 32 per cent of Vodafone's customers are usare using pre-pay, up from 8 per cent last year.

Although the City has reacted positively to the number of customers attracted by prepay, it remains uneasy about just how much money they will spend. Industry analysis are also concerned about Britain's army of new mobile phone users abandoning their products when they realise how much they cost to run. Other questions have been raised over the ability of mo-

bile phones companies to cope

with pre-pay's massive suc-

cess. Vodafone admits that its call centres nearly went into meltdown after being borncustomers, while customers of Orange have had to put up with 30-minute delays before being connected to the company's customer service staff.

Mr Lyons admits that prepay customers are "clearly not as profitable" as contract customers. But he adds: "Of course I would prefer that we could get the current growth rates without pre-pay. But without pre-pay we would be moving up the penetration curve much more slowly." Not everyone is so optimistic. Mobile phone retailers slashed by up to 40 per cent because of pre-pay phones. Si-mon Jordan, the brash cofounder of the PocketPhone Shop, which has more than 120 outlets throughout Britain, says: "Pre-pay is massive, but if it's not controlled it could be dangerous. The network operators are getting big numbers of users, but the reality is that they are lower-return users."

He adds that, in his opinion, network operators are already trying to nudge potential customers away from pre-pay services by lowering the price of contracts. "You'll find that standard contracts will be reduced in price," he says. "Already. Vodafone has changed its cheapest contract from £17.99 a month to £14.99. You will see contracts below £10 a month by the end of this year."

ccording to most analysts, the success of pre-pay will not be de-cided until Vodafone and Orange publish financial results later this year. Even if analysts conclude that it is a good thing, mobile phone comvanies will have to work much harder for both their shareholders and customers to stay ahead. The final quarter figmillion Britons buy mobile phones — caused many analysts to totally rethink their ex-pectations for the sector.

There is now a feeling that there is little more that mobile phone companies can do to impress the City. And, given the huge amount of mobile phone company shares being issued around the world, even the City's enthusiasm for the likes of Vodafone and Orange is subthy waning. All of a sudden, gaining 4.3 million customers in just six months no longer seems such an impressive feat.

Consumer choice beaten by companies' financial muscle

From Mr David Morgan Sir, Your lead article of March 24 on the subject of Britain's supermarket operators commented upon the recommendation that "when judging planning applica-tions, local authorities should be asked to bear in mind con-sumer choice. If only auth-orities had the luxury of being able to consider this and other relevant criteria, such as local need, the opinions of local residents and the impact of the granting of such applications on local services, to say nothing of traffic flow, congestion and environmental issues.

All of these unfortunately give way to one simple question that local authorities ask themselves - if we turn down a planning application by a major group or company and the matter goes to appeal, how much will it cost us if we lose? All other criteria, particularly the merit of the application and the feelings of local residents, are ignored. Prag-

matism rules the day! Cash-strapped local authorities just do not have the will or the resources to fight the commercial giants over planning applications and such large concerns know that they only have to whisper the words "appeal with costs" in the ear of any hard-pressed

planning officer and the au-thority will inevitably roll over and meekly grant the ap-plication, often in the face of

vociferous local opposition. This has happened in Guildford where a large supermarket group has been granted permission to add a petrol station on its site, 300 yards away from another operator. No matter that local residents opposed the applica-tion, or that there was clearly no local need for such a facility. The local council judged that it was a waste of their limited financial resources and council taxpayers' money to oppose the application and lose the subsequent appeal. with the subsequent attendant costs. So much for local democracy!

Surely there has to be a better system of considering planning applications so that local authorities are not penal-ised financially by monstrous appeal costs, which more fairly should be at least shared between the parties rather than heaped upon the local residents through their coun-

Yours faithfully, DAVID J. A. MORGAN. Pathways, 8a Downsway, GUI 2YA.

B&B demonstrates cavalier attitude

From Mr Keith Chambers Sir. A letter from the chairman of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society has gone out attached to a voting form.

It begs the question by commencing: "A small group of members want (sic) your building society to become a

What it should have said is that a requisite number of members to propose a motion has called for a vote to see whether the membership as a whole wants the society to convert the numbers of those either for or against conversion are surely not yet known hence the vote.

By manipulating language

along the lines of "someone has stolen next year's election results", building society directors have once again shown a cavalier attitude towards members - their employers - and have surely weakened any case they wish to make.

Perhaps they will now have the courage of their convictions and promise that, should a society convert, they will themselves refuse to accept any so-called windfall payout. Yours faithfully. KEITH CHAMBERS. 19 Hill Road. Basingstoke, Hampshire,

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CELLNET	479,000	444%	4.5m	20%
ORANGE	370,000	216%	2.5m	29%
ONE2ONE	329,000	79%	2.25m	40%

bey proper, mobile phone packages, in many cases they should not. The examp below shows how if you opend only two from a mouth tailing on a mobile phon dd end up paying more by opting want making phone than by signin PRE-PAY:

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Total cost of calls nor mouth: 547.38

Pru's package

was at the centre of a little spat. The Pru chief executive was highlighted by some investors as the main beneficiary of a long-term incentive plan, which they thought breached the guidelines set for these schemes. This was particularly embarrassing for the Pru as its own Hugh Jones was chairman of the Association of investment British Insurers' committee.

Ultimately, good sense prevailed



THREE years ago Sir Peter Davis and the scheme was approved. Now, according to the Pru annual report. the scheme has paid out, giving Sir Peter £812,000 worth of shares, making a total package for 1998 of El.71 million, including pension. And worth every penny he is, too.

SIR TOM FARMER is a man known for his charity — he does bankroll Hibernian football club. So when he decided to launch a Kosovo appeal through his Kwik Fit chain, there were no half measures. Despite the campaign being launched only on Sunday, Sir Tom has already raised £1.5 million, 5.000 bags of clothing and 7,000 cans of food. The first shipment goes out today. You can't shift quicker than a Kwik Fit shipper, as one might say.

Golden Eyes

GERALD RICHARDSON, the entrepreneur who sold his pub and table dancing company to SFI Group two years ago, is back in business. Or strictly speaking, his wife Anne and three other members of his family are back in business, as Mr Richardson himself, who stayed on at SFI until last year to oversee the For Your Eyes Only table dancing opera-



vember and is prevented from set-

ting up in competition. His wife is to open a new chain of strip joints — sorry, table dancing venues — called Golden Eyes, with a site already earmarked close to Heathrow. Although this does not break the terms of his contract, I understand that Tony Hill, the SFI boss, is none too pleased. But Mr Ri-chardson tells me: "It's nothing to do with me what my family do. My wife is an independent, strongwilled woman."

SO FAREWELL Row Bishko, who always mouned about Tie Rack being called a niche retailer. What's in a name, he laments: "If Karl Marx had ment companies, Scottish Courage not come up with the word commu-

Solar suspense

TRAVELLERS to Cornwall know there are only two routes into the coun-One is across Bodmin moor and the other is over the Tamar Suspension Bridge. So it is with some concern that I report that Kvaerner, the accident-prone Norwegian builder. has signed a £24 million deal to widen the bridge in time for the millennium.

But isn't there an even more significant event occurring in Cornwall before then - August's solar eclipse. My man in the hard hat assures me that the work will not even close one lane of the bridge during peak hours. So if you are stuck in a 20-mile-tailback, you know who to blame.

AG BARR has trod on a few corns while promoting its undrinkable soft drink, Irn-Bru. Its advert, featuring a cow saying: "When I'm a burger I want to be washed down with Irn-Bru", led the Advertising Standards Authority's list of most complained about ads of 1998. A total of 589 people objected. 418 more than the next most objectionable - a TCP advert featuring a man being eaten by a tiger. The ASA did not uphold any of the complaints.

Foster's face

TALKING about Caledonian refreshwill today reveal the new face of Fosnism wed all have been a lot better ter's lager. In the past the brewer -

ber Nectar - hired the former presenter of Channel 4's The Big Breakfast, Denise van Outen, as its first Foster's ambassador", followed by Kelly Brook, who then succeeded Ms van Outen at The Big Breakfast. The new Foster's face will be announced with a massive promotion, which will send 350 Poster's drinkers to Sydney for the millennium. I am sworn to secrecy as to who she is, but if you were to guess that she is Australian, is the younger sister of a supermodel and was the unwitting star of an infamous home video in her home country, you might not be a million miles from the truth.

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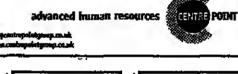
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A day in the life of Kate Menniss.

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PA to Denis McCourt, managing director of Party Express and Awesome Events, and to Odette Penwarden, sales development menager for Awesome Events

arrive at our office in Victo-

ria. London, at 8.45am, make a cup of tea then check the e-mail. We receive up to 50 e-mail inquiries and bookings a day from all over the world. Then confirm the meetings that Denis and Odette have today, with clients, tour operators or to view venues. Then have my daily ten-minute briefing with them both — they are of-ten out of the office — before moving on to their dictation tapes from yesterday's meetings.
This takes a while because I

am intecrupted by phone calls all day. Denis is not here to take calls so I have to know what is going on and take bookings and answer client queries. Many of our callers are from overseas and are calling to organise incentive groups and conferences.

11:30am: Denis and Odette phone in for messages, and Denis asks me to send out brochures, and transparencies to clients who want to use them in their own brochures. He also asks me to write short adverts to go with them.

12.30pm: Grab a quick sand-wich. I have worked here for eight months; it is an extremely sociable job and the atmosphere is buzzing. There are always lots of events going on, which I am invited to. I have been to the Party Bus nightclub tour, a James Bond night and paintballing with Awesome Events. I am getting married this year, and some friends are arranging my hen weekend through Awesome Events - though I have no idea what will be taking place.



have booked to go sky-diving on our honeymoon in Florida.

1 try to work on my own projects during the afternoon. 1 am working with a website de-signer at the moment, redesigning the Party Express site and a new site for Awesome Events. My role has really developed since I first started and I'm now involved with such things as marketing, and have just been on our stand for two days at the British Travel Trade Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. I am also setting up databases for both companies. It is very busy and hard work, but really challeng-

ing and rewarding.

3pm: Adjust the colours and put the finishing touches to a voucher wallet I am designing on my computer. This is to contain the tickets, maps, itineraries and everything else the client needs for the event that they have booked. I thought it would be a good idea to design special envelopes so the client has everything available; they are also

more eye-catching.

4pm: Do the weekly invoicing to our tour operators and chase up any outstanding invoices, then check through the pile of things people have put on Denis's desk, taking away and dealing with things he does not need to see. Then I call him with any important messages.

6pm: Go to help out at a winetasting organised by Awesome Events for a financial company.

• Kate Menniss was talking to Amanda Loose.

Post's done. Time for a chocolate bar and sushi

We know that you hoard food in your office drawer, says Amy Anderson. But which snacks are the best?

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Four top drawer at work is meant for diaries, pens and Tippex — but accord-ing to a study of UK office staff, it is more likely to contain the better part of a supermarket snack counter. The study of "top-drawer grazing" by Office Angels reveals that food hoarded ranges from choc-olate and crisps to yoghurt and ready-made meals.

Although an encouraging 42 per cent of those surveyed opted for fruit as their preferred snack, 57 per cent were more partial to chocolate or biscuits. One in ten admitted stockpiling snacks in case they felt peckish.

In the drinks department, one in ten of us stores herbal tea in our drawer, while 31 per cent prefer standard teabags. The most popu-lar drink to hoard, though, is coffee. When asked how many times

they dipped into their snack supply, 75 per cent of those questioned said that they "grazed" once or twice a day, while many others admitted eating at their desks at least three times daily. Men are just as tempted to sub-

sist on snacks as women, it seems, but less likely to share their food with others. And when office staff of either sex run out of snacks, they are likely to raid a colleague's supply. One in five staff in the survey confessed to filching food. So why do so many of us keep a

snack drawer? Hunger is the obvious explanation, but other reasons that emerged from the survey were boredom, stress relief and using food to boost concentration. The last of these is debatable, however - research carried out at Middlesex University found that the smells of chocolate and spearmint distracted people from their work.

Rather distasteful was the revelation that more than one in ten of us stores food at work that is well past its sell-by date. Office drawers contain such delights as rotting bananas, unrefrigerated yoghurt, soft





A straw between chores: herbal tea is better than fizzy drinks

rice-cakes, bars of mouldy chocolate and curling sandwiches. Odd eating habits? We have those, 100, Office Angels reveals. Chocolate and cheese-and-onion crisp sandwiches are just the start. Other staff admit dunking toast in

their bot drinks, munching on

blocks of marzipan, consuming

yoghurt with their fingers and wolf-ing three chocolate bars in rapid succession. Many people confessed to swallowing junk food at work that they would never eat at home.

Office "grazing" is clearly a deep-ly ingrained habit, with chocolate emerging as the single most popu-lar comfort food. But it can be expensive: 80 per cent of us spend between £1 and £5 a week on snacks, some more than £10. The nutritionist Kate Stringer

suggests that for those in search of healthy snacking options, the best bets are carbohydrate foods (bread, cereals) that will help to keep your blood sugar levels constant; fresh fruit; unsalted nuts (in moderation); sunflower seeds (rich in zinc); orange juice (vitamin C); and, if you really must, a little dark organic chocolate (plenty of iron).

Needless to say, cigarettes, alco-hol and chocolate in excess are not good for your health. Much better are bean salads, tuna, chicken, cottage cheese and yoghurt, for instance, with herbal or fruit tea. And whether you snack healthily or not, take a stroil around the block before lunch.

But if that is healthy office grazing, the habit can lead to odd, or at least mildly antisocial, food choices. For PR executive Emily Morris,

22, the perfect snack is - fish socks. "I work in a room with just four other people and they are used to the smell of my fish sticks by now," she says, "but when a new person comes in, they put their hands over their nose. I know I could put them in the fridge, but having them in my drawer means that I can snack away all day without having to move from my chair."

ate Stringer says: There is nothing wrong with snacking on fish sticks they are much better for you than chocolate. But I am not sure that keeping them in a drawer is a good idea. Offices get very warm and by not refrigerating her snacks. Emily is putting herself at risk from food poisoning." Claire Coward, a 25-year-old

marketing assistant, prefers to keep her drawer full of fruit, cereal bars, yoghurt and bottled water. "I have quite a stressful job," she says, "so I need foods that keep my energy up. The sugar rush that choco-late gives you is very short-lived and you end up craving more." Kate Stringer says: "Claire has

the right outlook. And as she cannot do much exercise during the day, it also means that she is not exposing herself to weight gain."

A weekly guide to keyboard skills by Chris Ward

☐ YOU may already know that you can run various programs from the Start/Run command in Windows 95 — sysedit is a good one for modifying your basic system files such as autoexec.bat, config.sys and so on. It may also be easier to use this to install a program from a floppy disk — type a:\setup.exe or a:\install.exe or whatever. You can also use Start/Run to open documents, though — try it by just typing readme.txt and it will open your Windows 95 Read Me file. You can use it for other documents, too, although you might get fed up with typing long paths to those more obscure files.

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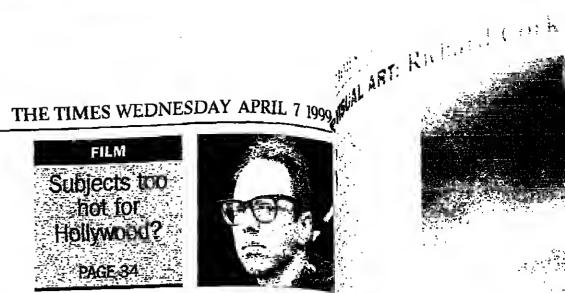
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THEATRE:

Stephen Sondheim tells Michael Owen

> why he is helping to

restage Bernstein

Leonard Bernstein's musical Condide was on its pre-Broadway try-out in Boston in 1956. the show was in trouble. The creative team, including the director Sir Tyrone Guihrie and the playwright Lillian Helllooked impressive on paper but their contributions were refusing to gel. Bernstein sent for a young lyricist who was working with him on another project to offer his advice. It was Stephen Sondheim.

"I was 25, and supposed to tell people of the calibre of Guthrie and Hellman what they were doing wrong." he recalls, still awed at the presumptuous role he had been invited

Bernstein was still drafting in new songs as the produc-tion approached its Broadway first night - and they sounded familiar to Sondheim. The composer had been working simultaneously on Candide and West Side Story, for which Sondheim had been hired to provide the lyrics. "Lennie was switching songs from one show to the other. They were

flying all over the place."
One Hond, One Heart had been intended for Candide under the title of One but ended up in West Side Story: the melody of Officer Krupke was pinched from a Candide Get You in the End; and another song called Hoppy We went score had nothing to do with





A pocket full of rhyme: lyricist Stephen Sondheim (left) has had a long and sometimes tortuous relationship with the various attempts to stage Leonard Bernstein's (right) musical adaptation of Candide

in the opposite direction, from West Side Story to Condide. But, despite all the activity. the show was not a success in New York and closed after just 73 performances. Sondheim the director, the book and the

each other. Hellman had written it as a black comedy. Lennie's score was basically pastiche and Guthrie had directed

it like a wedding cake." Sondheim now says he was in either show. "I was a young man and eager to get on with

my own music but Oscar Hammerstein said West Side Story was too good an opportunity to miss. He persuaded me. My suggestion for Condide was that Michael Flanshould write the lyrics. He would have been perfect. But

he was wheelchair-bound and it became impossible."

Bernstein's show has since then enjoyed as picaresque a journey as Voltaire's eponymous hero and now, more is still active on the sidelines as the musical comes up for a radical reworking at the National Theatre under the director John Caird - "assisted by Trevor Nunn", as the credits have it.

It was Caird who secured the rights, persuaded the various estates involved to allow him to revise the show and sought new lyrics from the American songwriter Richard Wilbur, who worked on the original 1956 version, and one new set of lyrics from Sondheim. It was for a number called Life is Happiness Indeed sung by Maximilian, the brother of Candide's love. Cunegonde.

"I can't say it was fun." says Sondheim. "I didn't know all the nuances they were seeking and I had a lot of questions but I didn't want to get involved in endless phone discussions and couldn't get over there. But John Caird asked me to take a second look and I was happy to comply. My original version dwelt on the character's

vanity but they wanted to bring out his aristocratic qualities. I could see the sense. After its Broadway failure, Condide managed a short West End run, in which the title role was taken by Denis Quilley, who now plays the elderly Martin in the new revival. Bernstein continued working on the show: it played in various stock companies in Ameri-

fore it came back to wider public recognition. That was when Hal Prince devised a ground-breaking production, first given in a studio at the Brooklyn Academy of Arts then transferring to Broadway as the hit of the season. The Voltaire original was

ca but had to wait until 1972 be-

submitted to a celebratory, anarchic performance style. there was a new book by Hugh Wheeler and Sondheim was again re-engaged.

"That show was great, it do an opening number for him. The first thing I suggested was that he get Lennie's permission to use any of the tunes that had been written for the show but not used before. I ended up writing the lyrics for three new songs.

ut Bernstein felt Prince's production. despite its public success, had drifted too far from his original intention. He increasingly felt it belonged in an opera house; he rescored it for operatic voices and it was staged by New York City Opera in 1982. Six years later Jonathan Miller directed it for Scottish Opera with a new libretto by the late John Wells. It also enjoyed a successful run at the Old Vic.

When Nunn and Caird embarked on their plan to create an ensemble company occupying the Olivier in a series of themed productions, they looked for a musical with something to say about contemporary life and chose Candide with the intention of restoring as much as possible of Voltaire's searching philoso-phy. Caird says: "Condide is a comedy with a serious moral theme about issues that are relevant today. We were looking for works that would make people ask what is the morality that helps you to live your capitalism at the end of the 20th century. Condide fits the

While Nunn concentrated on Troilus and Cressida, Caird picked up the reins on was real fun. Hal asked me to do an opening number for book himself, reordered many of the songs, switching some from one character to another, built up some minor characters and given the show a

stronger through-line. He says: "This show has had a very chequered existence. I believe it has always been a series of wonderful numbers but without a lot of dramatic coherence. That's the area we are concentrating on."

Daniel Evans, who played Peter Pan, will be Candide: Simon Russell Beale is doubling as Pangloss and Voltaire him self, who has been brought in as narrator; Clive Rowe is Cacambo and Alex Kelly is Cunegonde.

On John Napier's multipurpose Olivier Theatre set, the production will not deploy lavish effects, and the new orchestrations, which do not require operatic calibre voices, will be played by an unseen 14-piece

Sondheim does not expect to see it until his visit in June as he is working on his own new musical, Wise Guys, which Sam Mendes will direct for a January opening on Broad-way. "It's a small show but." like Citizen Kane, it is a birthto-grave story following two legendary American brothers called Meisner who were born at the turn of the century." Candide opens at the National

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament RAYMOND PICKARD

Age: 16.

Profession: Actor.

Double whammy: Next week he adds two major credits to an already impressive CV. On Sunday night he plays the au-tistic son of ex-footballer Rob-son Green in Rhinoceros, a two-hour ITV drama. Three days later he makes his stage debut as Billy Casper, schoolboy hero of Kes, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse.

What's the TV role? "My character in Rhinoceros accidentally gets on the wrong train and ends up alone in the Welsh mountains. Robson's always one step behind in trying to

Pure coincidence: "During filming. Robson and I were talking about great movies and he asked me if I'd seen the film of Kes. When I said no he promised to send it to me on video. Two days after the tape arrived my

agent sent me the script for the stage version. What are the odds? Where did the road to Ker begin? "I grew up on Merseyside but went to Intake High School in Leeds because it had a good reputation for drama." A casting director visited the school in search of "a skinny kid with a Yorkshire accent" to play Linus Roache's streetwise little brother in the BBC wartime drama. Seaforth. When they picked me I was so excited I went round telling everybody at the school - even my worst enemies."

How did he end up on Auntie's Bloomers? "In Seaforth there was a scene with me and this dog sitting on top of some sand-bags. The dog's leash was around my wrist when somebody in the crew opened a packet of meat-flavoured crisps, the dog sniffed them and ran off, dragging me across the ground. They kept filming."

Where else has he appeared? In a US television version of The Canterville Ghost, and in the 1997 film of The Borrowers.

What effect has all this shooting had on his education? "I used to have a private tutor but I've now left school. I might go back to college to take A levels, but for the moment I just want to keep on working and put some money away so that I can eventually fund myself through drama school,"

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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on an installation that reinterprets Vertigo through its visceral music

tumbling through the darkness of the Atlantis Gallery in East London, we suddenly discover that a precipitous drop separates us from the screen where Douglas Gordon's Feature Film is projected. Halted by a barrier, we stare down into the shadows and realise the aptness of the void below. For Gordon has de-cided to tackle Hitchcock's Vertigo in this, his first London exhibition since winning the Turner Prize three years ago. And the dizzying fear suffered by James Stewart, as he climbs a belltower in pursuit of the elusive Kim Novak, is echoed by the unease we feel on this lofty platform.

Our disorientation is increased by the images on the screen. Unlike his previous homage to Hitchcock, a 1993 tour de force called 24 Hour Psycho, Gordon's new film contains no visible trace of Vertigo itself. He concentrates instead on James Conion, the charismaoc chef d'orchestre of the Paris Opéra, conducting a per-formance of Bernard Herrmann's score for Vertigo. Gordon does not even offer a glimpse of the 100 musicians under Conion's control. The face, arms and hands of the conductor are all we see, and they prove mesmerising in their own right.

Conlon responds to the heightened emotions animating Herrmann's score with athletic sensitivity. The sounds seem to run through his body with the force of an electri-cal discharge, reaching a climax in the quicksilver motion of fingers alert to every musical nuance. Even when the orchestra lapses into silence, during the periods when Vertigo's manic story develops without Herrmann's aid. Conlon does not allow his involvement to lessen. Gordon's camera lingers on his face for a while, and the tears in the conductor's eyes show the depth of his engagement with the unfolding narra-

As a result, Gordon succeeds in presenting an audacious alternative to the experience normally offered by Vertigo. In a convencional cinematic presentation, Herrmann's contribution is always subservient to the overall impact of Hitchcock's directorial vision. Audiences may even remain unaware of its exceptional potency, and give Hitchcock unqualified credit for Vertigo's ability to sear the imagination. By slicing off Herrmann's work and holding it up for inspection. Gordon enables us to assess it with far greater clarity. And by showing how ardently Conlon responds to the score, the full extent of its capacity to ensuare us in Vertigo's nightmarish convolutions is revealed.

Anyone familiar with Gordon's previous work will appreciate how his fascination with Conlon's movements relates to earlier concerns. Conlon's exclamatory manual gestures reminded me in particular of a based on a film showing a hand endlessly repeating the act of firing a gun. He called it Trigger-Finger. and the neurosis it exposed is far removed from Conlon's infinitely supple responses. All the same, Gordon uses hands in both these contrasted works to disclose a surprising amount about the emotional condi-

don of the men themselves. Nor does he stop there. As we gaze down at the screen enlivened by Conion's exertions, our eyes gradually notice another film flickering



Hitching a dizzy ride

at the far end of the vast Atlantis hall. A staircase half-hidden in the gloom enables us to descend. The distant film turns out to be Vertigo itself, far smaller in size and projected modestly on to a wall by equipment resting on the floor. The almost offhand presentation suggests that Gordon intends it as a footnote to the principal offering. But once I started watching Vertigo, it would not let me go. My eyes kept moving between the two rival images, eager to follow Hitchcock's narrative and yet determined to see how Conlon tire gallery with its doomed Mahlerian disquiet.

Gordon makes the experience still

more complex by robbing Vertigo of its dialogue. The actors mouth soundlessly at each other, just as they did in the films Hitchcock would have seen during his youth. But there is scant reliance on the melodramatic acting that so often fuelled silent movies. The absence of dialogue made me aware of Hitchcock's restraint as a director - Stewart and, supremely, Novak are for the most part reined-in. Apart from scenes of high anxiety. like the dream sequence where Stewart is tortured by neurotic memory-flashes, the actors are notable for their stillness, their reluctance to rely on rhetorical flourishes of any kind.

In such a hushed context, where a substantial court scene reduces all its players to a notably undernonstrative level, the return of the music has an extraordinary impact. At one point, after a bout of soundless conversation, Stewart re-enters a room in distress. Herrmann's score amtor's anguish an intensity it would not otherwise have attained.

itchcock may well have found his composer too emotionally effusive: there is undoubtedly a between Herrmann's unabashed late Romandcism and the understatement dictating so much of Hitchcock's visual style. Against the odds, though, an unlikely chemistry is established between the two men's approaches. Without Herr-

mann, Hitchcock might well look stilted at times. And shorn of Hitchcock's rigour. Herrmann could easily sound embarrassingly lush. When they come together, the fusion goes a long way towards explaining why Vertigo exerts such a compulsive, lingering hold over us.

Ultimately, however, Gordon's in-

stallation sustains our attention through the interplay between Vertigo and the film he has made. The longer I looked at Conion conducting, the more I realised that he. seemed to inhabit a Hitchcockian strange resemblance sometimes between details of Conlon's frowning face and Anthony Perkins in Psycho. Although he is manifestly in charge of an orchestra, Conlon becomes one of the characters in the complex, multilayered drama played out here. When Stewart's haunted face caught in close-up, enmeshed within a spider's web at the height of the nightmare sequence, he looks utterly alone. Conlon likewise seems marooned in a nocturnal void during the moments when the camera

rests on his features for a while. He appears overcome by the same autumnal melancholy that afflicts Stewart in his futile search for the unattainable Novak. And Conlon's ability to identify so strongly with this sadness helps him to locate it in Herrmann's score, ensuring that the music is sometimes as overwhelmingly insistent as the Mahler soundtrack deployed by Viscomi throughout Death in Venice — an-

other film dominated by the doomed pursuit of a destructive infamation. Gordon does not make it easy to ship between Hitchcock, Herrmann, Conlon and his own equally obsessive art. Only repeated viewings would disclose everything worth extracting from their interaction; and the absence of seating in this austere hall obliged me to end up squatting on the floor, swivelling from one screen to the next and back again in an attempt to absorb the array of competing images on offer. It is a strenuous experience, and yet

the inordinate demands made by

Gordon end up tallying with the or-

deal Stewart forces himself to undergo during the film.

All the disparate elements combine most arrestingly in the final minutes, when Stewart bullies Novak into ascending the tower one more time. The brutality of his struggle with her is surprising and then alarming. Herrinann's music responds to the challenge with hectic conviction, while Conlon attains a frenzy of gestures on the other screen. As Stewart goads Novak up the stairwell, the conductor's hands stab, claw, thrust and swoop white ares of agitation. Conlon drives his orchestra onwards with the single-minded vehemence Hitchcock unleashed on his actors as they stagger to the top. They are all caught up in the same demented trajectory. And nothing, not even the swift intervention of the nun who sounds the bell, can prevent the tragedy from ending in freefall.

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he one day devot-ed to the arts and culture of Northern Ireland during the Barbican's Irish festival From The Heart came at a pregnant moment on Easter Day, amid the knowledge that the peace process was about to enter a solemn week.

Yet with Tommy Makem heading the bill. it was never going to be a sombre occasion. The 66-year-old veteran began performing with the Clancy Brothers in the late 1950s and his style has changed little since. His jocular presence and mixture of sentimental songs such as Wild Mountain Thyme and drinking ditties such as Nancy Whiskey make him the archetypal stage Irishman and his act has gone down a storm with Itrish-Americans for decades. Here his comic patter seemed badly off-key. Most of the rest of the programme hit a better

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note. An afternoon concert by Voices for Peace, a children's choir drawn from both Catholic and Protestant communities. was full of hope, even if the choice of standards. such as Amazing Grace

was unadventurous, Elsewhere a workshop explained the differences between the musical traditions of Ulster and the Republic and both Makem and Davy Hammond, who shared the main bill, offered a more song-based style far removed from the familiar Celtic laments and jigs and reels. When Hammond sang The Banks of the Bann and Makem of-fered As I Walked Out. er connection with the ballad tradition of Scottish folk music.

Yet the best moments came from Kentucky's Jean Richie, who joined them on stage. The foremost living exponent of Appalachian mountain music, her high, clear voice belied her 76 years and her repertoire illustrated how traditional Irish song has been preserved in remote American rural communities in

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an almost pure form. In her youth Richie learnt dozens of songs from ber family of Irish-Scottish descent and first travelled to Ireland in the early 1950s to trace their origins, during which time she met the young pleasing symmetry and she seemed to represent a frail but obdurate link with a dying tradition.

> NIGEL WILLIAMSON

A cultural prize for Dundee

Andrew Gibbon Williams visits

the new Dundee Contemporary Arts centre

undee Contemporary Arts (DCA) is set to do for Dundee what the new Guggenheim did for Bilbao. This £9 million cultural flagship is adventurous in concept and brave in design. The building has been de-

signed to facilitate a unique concept. Edinburgh-based Ri-chard Murphy Architects was faced with a potendally confusing brief: to design a building which would satisfy the demands of a tripartite client, ie. the new art-led company spearheading the development (DCA), Dundee City Council and Dundee University.

While the council desired another facility to complement the Dundee Repertory Theatre and the McManus Galleries. the university - more specifi-cally. Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design which, since 1996, has formed part of it - demanded a stateof-the-art research facility, a kind of art laboratory. DCA itself wanted ample gallery space and accommodation for the back-up paraphernalia essential to any contemporary art venue.

A mere two years since the Scottish Arts Council National - Lottery Fund voted the lion's share of the finance, some £5.4 million, Murphy has managed to satisfy each party. There is a fabulously equipped print workshop, an artist-inresidence flat and studio space, a large café area with exterior terraces, and two smallscale, luxury cinemas.

The core of Murphy's scheme is a renovated former coal warehouse which rises up Hehind a cliff face from re-



Scottish success: Tony Cragg's boat becalmed in Dundee's new contemporary arts centre

claimed land that forms Dundee's desolate waterfront. At the level where this reaches one of the city's principal arteries, the Nethergate, this has been extended by a new, smaller block set at an oblique angle to the old structure. At street level a severe, prow-like structure projects alongside a small piazza, the entire street frontage making a dramatic interjection between a late 18th-century Lord Provost's residence and an early 19th-century Ro-man Catholic cathedral.

Inside, the wit and ingenuity of the design are immediateapparent. An interior avenue, off which are located an activity area and information desks, leads directly into the vast top-lit exhibition space (something rather grander than the usual white box). while a parallel staircase descends to the restaurant, visual research centre, print workshop, cinemas, and artists' fa-

But Murphy's most impressive achievement is the way he has fulfilled his declared intention to integrate the individual

elements of hisadesign. No one

activity is hidden from another, so that from the central thoroughfare you are aware of the galleries; from the galleries, the café area; from the café area, set at the juncture of the two blocks, almost everything. The larger cinema must be the only one in the country which allows you to see out. A shinwindow offers views across the Tay before and after

That this means is that in contrast to so many comparable complexes, the creative work going on is no secret activity behind closed doors. Visitors popping in for a snack enjoy the feeling of being caught up in the artistic process, while artists and researchers should benefit from the feedback of

public interest. The inaugural exhibition, entitled Prime, includes virtually nothing which might be construed as dumbing down. A video of and accompanying detritus from a Joseph Beuys performance: a scattering of lifesize dead crows sculpted in bronze by Kiki Smith; an enormous wall-mounted, polished steel disc by Anish Kapoor, conceived as much in acoustic terms as in visual terms; and Tony Cragg's extraordinary dinker-constructed boat cov ered. porcupine-like, with hooks. Straight art is virtually confined to homegrown talent Callium innes's spare, latterday action painting.

The director, Andrew Nairne, admits to having included Warhol's screen-printed "Jackies" to cajole the public with a "name". But his personal taste makes it unlikely that popular artists are going to get much of a look-in. Next in line is the former Turner Prize candidate, lan Davenport, whose stridently coloured, poured paint on fibreboard works form his first oneman show in a public gallery. How far-reaching an impact

this pioneering institution will have on Dundee depends on the continuing generosity of sponsors such as Atlantic Telecom, whose £100,000 supports an education programme for the next two years. ■ Dundee Contemporary Arts, 152 Nethergate, Dunder (01382 432290)

ple and sensual as a woman's. The curves of their bodies seem made for the caress. And Robert Mapplethorpe under-stands this. His lens typically roams the contours of the corporeal landscape. But now, marking the tenth anniversary of Mapplethorpe's death, this retrospective traces the attraction to sinuous line and texture which bred the artist's homocrotic sensibilities. Although some of his later, aggressively sexual works are displayed, the earlier photo-graphs reveal a subtler sensivity. The curl of an orchid echoes the clean-cut curves of a vase, collages flirt with veils and layers. But the desire to outrage which made Mapplethorpe one of the touchstones of censorship was always latent. Kitsch religious iconography, cold sadomaso-chism and flowers that unfuri like sex organs became his subjects at an early age. Hamiltons, 13 Carlos Place, WI (0171-499 9493), until May I

Georg Baselitz, the painting world's equivalent of the heavy-metal thrasher, is known by many for no other reason than that he hangs his paintings upside down. "It's the best way to liberate representation from context," he explains. But in his first London show for five years he aims to rouch an instinctive level of consciousness in a rather different way. There is no right way up in this series of seven paintings. Torsos are impetuously jumbled in what looks



Robert Mapplethorpe's Untitled (Gingham) of 1970

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

for all the world like some bil-lowing daisy-printed duvet. Baselitz plays with the trans-parency of pattern, of a whitened surface veiling brighter layers of paint below, to shed new light on his vision of a "painting behind the canvas". Where before he tried to reach this impossible image by hacking like a wood carver through layers of paint, he now opens up the surface of his works like a window. And the carelessly sketched figures suddenly seem more like the doodles which a child might draw with a finger in the mist of a pane. Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 24 Dering St. W1 (0171-499 4100) until April 24

Schrabel's new show. What does it mean? How does it relate to the pictures? The gallery hasn't a ciue. Schnabel may not have either. But perhaps this bewilderment is the best point from which to start looking at the great self-publicist's four new paintings. Oils, resin and spray paint scrawl over large, ugly-framed canvases, as though each had been applied by a different hand. Greens are applied with whipped and knotted sheets of cloth. Reds are scribbled across them like meaningless graffiti. For a moment you imagine there are muscular studies or drawings of drapery in the imprinted patterns. You search for words in the writing strokes. But inspect the canvases more closely and they dissolve into a mess. Perhaps Shoabel is taunting the view er: if I, with my personality, do it then it's art. But if you did this, it would amount to nothing more than a scrawl. If so, then these paintings untease the boundaries between the personal and impersonality. Timothy Taylor, I Bruton Place, WI [0171-409 3344] until May I

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FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

James Christopher's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

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PLUNKETT & MACLEANE (15): Jake Scott's 18th-century swashbuckler is closer to Bulch Cassidy and the Sundance Nd them The Rake's With Robert Carlyle and Johnny Lee Miller.

BLAST FROM THE PAST (12): Ingenious comedy about 3 man (Brendan Fraser) released after 35 years in a nuclear bunker. His 1950s us make him look mystical, mad, and blindingly naive in the sleazy 1990s. Bill Kelly directs.

BEYOND SILENCE (12): Plucky BEYOND SILENCE: [13]: Plucky performances can't save this: a tortrous trawl through a German soap in which a young gri thes to get a file beyond her protoundly deaf parents. Caroline Link directs

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (12):

AUGUST IN THE WATER (ICA): You could heng Sogo Ishti's surreal Japa-nese science fiction in the Tate. It's a cursed by drought and a mysterious epidemic that turns the guts to stone

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GODS AND MONSTERS (15): len McKellen excels as a legendary horror movie director who grooms his gardener (Branden Fraser) for a role WERICAN HISTORY X (18). Edw

Nortan is feractauely competing as a white supremacist skinhead in Tony Kaye's lavish, controversial but

PAYBACK (18): Mel Gibson blasts his wey through Brisn Helgeland's chunky thiler. With Gregg Henry, William Devans, James Coburn and Kns

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U): Pairle big cancon adventure in which tarting toddlers bond in a spooky torest. With enough for adults; an unavoidable necessity for three to eight year-olds.

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When murder is too foul

CINEMA: Hollywood

is getting the jitters about its moral

responsibility in the portrayal of

gruesome crimes, says Lesley O'Toole

The US Supreme Court gave Hollywood the shock of its life in March when it ruled in favour of Patsy-Ann Byers's negligence lawsuit against Oliver Stone and Time Warner Entertainment. Byers, a Louisiana woman, was shot and paralysed in 1995 during a holdup at the local store where she worked. Eighteen-year-old Sarah Edmondson and her boyfriend Benjamin Darrus told police they had taken drugs and embarked on a criminal spree after watching Stone's film, Natural Born Killers. Byers's lawyer, Joe Simpson, said in filing the suit: "Part of this is a crusade to clean up the movie industry."

It remains to be seen whether those with the power to approve films in Hollywood will become more cau-tious in the light of this unexpected decision, though the effects will not be reflected in the major American studios' output for some time.

For the moment, films inciting de bate, outrage and loud moral objections continue to proliferate, Disney will release a film by the director Spike Lee this year about a 1977 killing orgy in New York's Bronx district by David Berkowitz, nicknamed Son of Sam. That the studio which recently announced it would return to its original roots and concentrate on family fare should be releasing the film is noteworthy in Itself, though Summer of Som will be released under the company's Touchstone arm. ensuring that the name Walt Disney will not appear on its poster.

Joe Roth, the chairman of Walt Disney Studios, told The Los Angeles Times last week: "Summer of Sam is the work of a somewhat controversial artist, not an example of what the Walt Disney Company thinks is a family film.

A different, more far-reaching question was posed by The Los Angeles Times in its February review of 8mm. There are some films whose existence makes the world a worse place to live and this is one of them." wrote the newspaper's chief film critic. Kenneth Turan. His comments sparked a deluge of mail from readers who subsequently saw the film, both in support of the review and taking issue with it. A story analyst for a major film studio was the most effusive in her support for Turan's stance. "Unless more men and women like Turan have the courage to speak up and remind women - and men that they not only do not condone but are sickened by the continual treatment of women as exemplified by 8mm and all the 8mms before it, we will be forced to believe This Is The

Way Men Are." 8mm stars Nicolas Cage as a private investigator who turns vigilante when asked to find out if a purported snuff film featuring the brutal murder of a teenage girl is real or fake. The piece of film itself is not especially graphic, the real horror, as the director Joel Schumacher asserts, is



"filled in by your mind". Cage, like Schumacher, does not see the film as a social statement on pornography. For me, it's a social statement about what happens lo your average American man who's had enough of hearing and seeing young people getting killed on the news. That's where I come from with it."

Schumacher says he is 'cynical and angry" about the American justice system "so I seem to be taking it into my own hands". But he laughs off any suggestion that his film might inspire copycat cases. "I think that people who want to commit atrocioes are just looking for an excuse. I think the people who murdered after Notural Born Killers would have found another movie. When I made Flatliners, about young medical students de-ciding to kill themselves to see what death was like, journalists asked me whether I was afraid college students would start trying the same thing. I would always say, 'No. I think they're smarter than you are."

Smm was far from a box-office disaster in America, nor could it be called a hit. But it won no awards. Happiness, on the other hand, Todd solonda's follow-up to the hugely acclaimed Welcome to the Dollhouse, earned a rapturous response at the Cannes Film Festival last year and won the International Critics' Prize. Yet the company which planned to release Hoppiness in America, October Films, was forced to renege on its deal last year when its parent company, Universal Pictures, cited a littleused legal loophole to avoid distribut-ing the film. Happiness was promptly picked up by the independent New York distributor, Good Machine, who released the film in America last autumn.

Solondz is anxious that the correct story be told "because October Films had always been very supportive. Universal just didn't think this movie

> In Hollywood the only morality is the bottom line. If a movie is profitable, then it's moral?

would be appropriate for the image of the company. It wasn't worth its while to endure all the controversy and flak that it expected from this little movie." Universal's escape hatch is the term "morally objectionable". Should the conglomerate find any film morally objectionable, it has the right to refuse to release it.

The source of controversy stemmed from one of many storylines in Hoppiness: that about a paedophile who, despite having a young son of his

classmates. Nothing graphic is seen in the film and many reviews in America were extremely favourable. Solondz thinks Universal exercised its option for the very reason that the film stood no chance of generating the same kind of revenue as 3mm. which earned more than \$35 million at the box office. "If Universal thought the film was going to earn £100 million, I think it probably

would have characterised it as morally courageous," says Solondz. "But

this being Hollywood, the only morality is the bottom line. That is to say, if a movie is profitable, then it's moral." He maintains that it was not the subject-matter itself which generated attention but the fact that his paedophile is portrayed with "a kind of com-passion and humanity. I think this is the greatest shock for people." Clearly, the director does not invite easy sympathy for the character -- "what

he does is unequivocally unlorgivable" - but rather paints him as a man who is "not a monster but struggles with the monster within and succumbs to this demon. I don't need to underestimate the intelligence of my audience. They know rape is bad; that is implicit. But I'm not interested in judging or punishing these characters as much as I'm interested in ex-

Both Solondz and Schumacher insist that nothing in either of their movies is any different from subject-matter readily available for consumption

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on television or in the tabloids. "There is a huge market for atrocity." says Schumacher. "Even your local bookstore is full of books with actual police photos of the most brutal murders. There's a film called Foces of Death which is in most video stores and shows human atrocity at its

worst, it's always rented." Solondz, employing the same black humour which pervades his films. says there's "a certain hysteria" in America about the sexual molesia-tion of children. It seems now as if every third person on TV was abused as a child. Everyone seems to have gone through it. You almost feel like you missed out on something."

ut he is not joking in bemoaning the fact that even people who appear to revel in rather than be turned off by, his film are missing the point. At a film festival last year, he was an . proached by a young man who told Solondz he had loved his movie. Then he said, 'I've got this joke and I think you'll love it. He proceeded to tell me the ugliest, most crass joke im- 1. aginable and then laughed and ran off. It was so depressing because for this young gentleman, watching the movie was a kind of hip, cool experience. Clearly, he didn't get what I was getting at: otherwise he would never have told me that joke."

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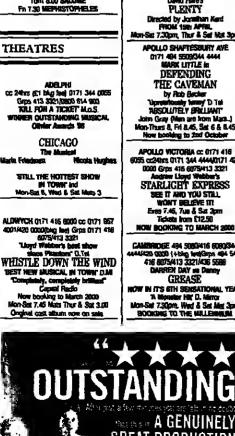
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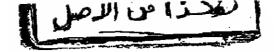
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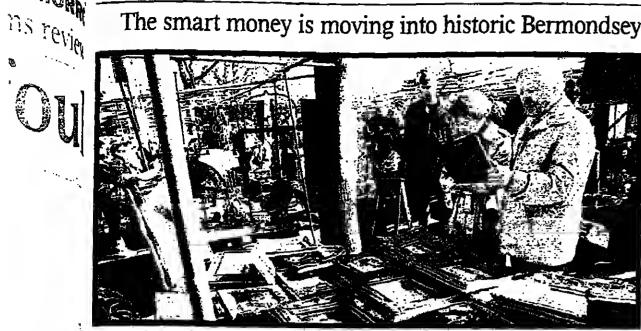
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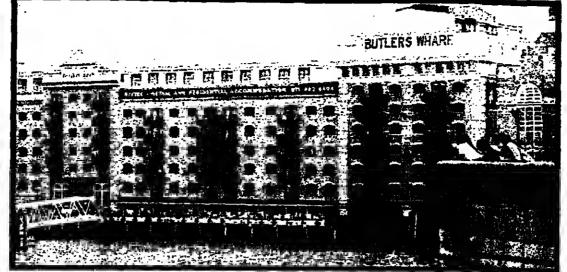


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Godlee, and his

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central," says Mrs Godlee. "But devel-

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ly rampant around

Shoppers browse for bargains at Bermondsey market, above, off Tower Bridge Road. Right, Butler's Wharf is home to Sir Terence Conran's Pont de la Tour, Cantina and ChopHouse restaurants

In love with Shakespeare's London

he property developers' flags are flying high in Ber-mondsey. Bucking the general trend that cities tend to move west, upwind of grime and pollution. London is moving east. With inner-city industry all but gone, speculators are filling the gaps.

On the quiet, Bermondsey has become distinctly fashionable, a natural progression in the renaissance taking place along the south bank of the Thames

The list of reasons to visit is growing: the Tate Gallery at Bankside. Sir Norman Foster's new mayoral palace, the Bermondsey antiques market, the Design Museum, Zandra Rhodes's Fashion Museum, Conran's eateries at Butler's Wharf. the Globe Theatre, Southwark Cathedral and old-world Borough market. Soon there will be hetter transport - the Jubilee Line extension. And now people want to live

Historically. Bermondsey has long been a place of interest with a strong community spirit. The area - now part of Southwark - is defined geographically: to the north by the Thames, to the west by London Bridge and Borough High Street, to the east by Rotherhithe and to the south by the Old Kent Road. Tower Bridge Road takes you from the City straight to its heart.

The district's history goes back to murky Saxon origins, beginning with a Lord Boermund (the 'ey' added to describe the marsh it was at

Until the 16th century, it had an abbey second only to Westminster

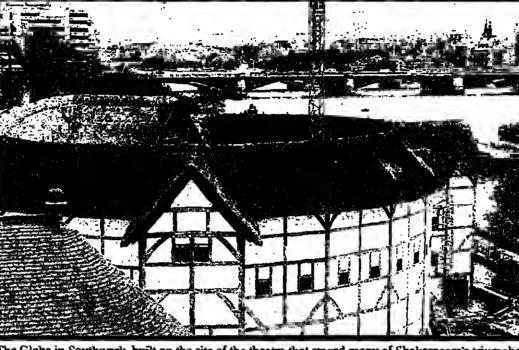
in importance. Sam-uel Pepys frequentdens with his children in the 17th century. But Victorian London's industriat growth and urban decline produced a less attractive Ber-

By 1850, appalfing housing and open sewers earned Bermondsey the descriptions "the Venice of drains" and "the capital of cholera": a fitting place for Bill Sykes to meet his end in Charles Dickens's Oliver Twist. The area is don-

ted with bits of history. The heart of old Bermondsey village, Bermondsey Street, has 17th-century houses and conservation area,

now happily undergoing a facelift. Until 1970, Bermondsey's warehouses, which lined the riverfront from London Bridge to Rotherhithe, were the city's central depot for goods from around the world. It was its Thameside community of warehousemen, wharf owners and shippers who earned Bermondsey the palatable description of the "lar-

der" of London. Large-draught ships would arrive



shopfronts and is a The Globe in Southwark, built on the site of the theatre that staged many of Shakespeare's triumphs

at Surrey Docks before smaller lighters brought the cargo further upriver for storage at Bermondsey. This all ended with containerisation, although until recently teascented streets near Tower Bridge reminded passers-by that some warehouses were still active.

But bargain-hunters looking for a warehouse conversion bave missed the boat. Since the mid-Eighties the disused, warehouses around Shad

Thames, with names redolent of their past such as Saffron Wharf and Java Wharf, have been transformed from pigeon-infested black holes into halogen-lit acres of wood flooring and boilerplate chic. Twobedroom apartments sell for at least £400,000, with river frontage adding an automatic £100,000 to the price. A few unconverted warehouses remain, but all are accounted for. According to Roger Smith, of the

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here now and we are afraid of losing

Mr Smith says security can be an issue for some purchasers, but many riverside developments offer enough security to quell such con-The popularity of Bermondsey

our view of the Thames and Tower

has now spread from the riverside deeper into the old borough, and the property price gradient is steep. A

two-bedroom flat of about 700sq fi in a "new build" will cost you about £175,000. You can still find Victorian terrace cottages — those that escaped the intense wartime bombing of the area — going for £200,000.

David Campbell, a management

consultant, and his fiancee have recently moved into one. He says: There is a strong sense of history in Bermondsey, It is real old London. Our 60-year-old neighbour was born in his front parlour."

ested in the area." The scale of building is impres-sive. Around every corner there are he says. One such couple, who have bought a new constructions or old industrial buildings being transformed into apartment blocks or "shells" popuflat in Jacob's 1sland on the river. lar with design-inspired buyers. are a retired radiologist, Dr Nicholas

hells are a City-fringe phe-nomenon for the wellheeled. Essendally, they are newly created empty spaces: bare walls and floors, with utility points, which the purchaser fits out with partition walls, heating systems and as much as he or she wants or can afford at the time.

The rule of thumb for shells is to add on a minimum of £30,000 to the purchase price before you can move in. A shell in a warehouse in inner Bermondsey goes for between £150,000 and £250,000.

According to Mr Smith, prices of residential property have risen by 50 per cent in the past four years. It still a rising market with purchasers flocking to new developments. Once the Jubilee Line to Greenwich is finished and the Millennium Dome pilgrims start flowing through, Bermondsey will be back on the map.

Buyers go for design

tF IT is not furnished and decorated to within an inch of its life, then forget it. Amanda Loose writes. Buyers of new developments at the top end of the housing market are increasingly interested only in properties that have been interior-

The show flat at the Bromptons, the redevelopment of the Royal Brompton Hospital in southwest London by Northacre, has sold for EL000 per sq ft, almost double the going rate.

Increasingly, developers are having to recruit

interior designers, says Linda Beaney at Beaney Pearce, as growing num-bers of buyers of luxury developments demand show homes.

She says: "If you have the chance to show a buyer a shell or a show home, nine out of ten will opt for the show home."

Chesham Place, a development of 23 flats and houses on the Chesham Place Estate in Belgravia, is a case in point. Those properties that were marketed as shells sold more slowly. savs Brendan Roberts at Aylesford.

Peter Wetherell, of Wetherell in Mayfair, says: "We are selling a lifestyle as opposed to real estate. No matter what you do, they tend to buy with one chequebook and will use another to rip it all out again." Wetherell is currently

selling 15 Culross Street in Mayfair, Its refurbishment has been overseen by Michael Reeves, who won the 1998 International Interior Designer of the Year award on the back of this work. The asking price is £2.95 million for a 99-year lease.

Aylesford is selling flat four at 37 Chesham Place for £4.75 million from January 1995.

Changing rooms and styles that changed our lives

Danny Lee looks back at 90 years of the Ideal Home Show and at how tradition has triumphed over sci-fi properties

f you look at your home on the past may present itself. From the ceiling rose through to the central heating system, a trail of design innovations stretches back to when the property was built.

Architects have spent most of this century making bold predictions for the fate of the home in the year 2000, including glass properties, moveable houses and underground homes. But as we head towards the millennium, how many of these forecasts will be realised?

The Ideal Home Show gives visitors the chance to see some of the current ideas on the abode of the future. A centrepiece exhibit is the

award-winning

Pierre

D'Avoine Architect's Slim House. Designed to save space, it features a single-storey terrace with communal courtvards and roof gardens. It is a far cry from the mock Tudor village shown at one of the first exhibitions in 1910, which made great play of the space available in the houses. Nothing about them was Tudor, of course, but the style of the properties was nevertheless backward-look-

The future is unpredictable," says Alan Powers, an architecture historian. "People are naturally conservative and the part of the housing stock that changes is only a tiny rim on a large staoc

. Some designers take a more strident view. Traditional standard houses are boxes where people are supposed to live," says Jan Kaplicky, of the design group Future Systems, which designed the Teletubbies' underground house in the Pembrokeshire hills. "They offer nothing in green or spacial

Although the much prophesied domestic robot of the Fifties and Sixties has so far managed to evade the mass market, trade in labour-saving devices, such as microwaves and dishwashers, is now worth billions.

The 1928 prophecy of one architect. Robert Duncan.



that could be opened to the

In the United States in

1940, extravagant optimism

was also the order of the day.

The Futurama, a 36,000sq ft

scale model of America in

1960, showed futuristic

homes and an advanced

In the true sci-fi style of the

decade, the Fifties brought

with them the Round House.

a house shaped like a ball,

with plastic furniture that

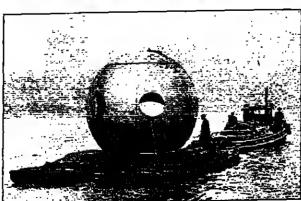
So, is it just public conserv-

atism that has strangled so

many of these ideas at birth?

rose from the floor.

100mph highway system.



1959: Round House on its way to the show via the Thames

was that the house of the future would be made from "material never before employed - a thin impervious substance carried by hidden supports of stainless steel".

Windows would open by "rising and falling" like those in a car. A ventilator over each bed would punip out ozonised air and there would be a bathing pool on the aerocar garage roof. And if more space was needed for entertaining, shutter-walls could be removed and pneumanc

chairs deflated. The 1930 Ideal Home Show played host to The Nursery of 1960 which featured a ceiling

the end of the Sixties, meant that designers in the Seventies and Eighties tended to err on the side of caution. at this year's show, other de-

> dude: □ A solar-powered pyramid house unveiled by BP at the beginning of the year. □ Underground homes made from prefabricated

modules, which allow light to enter through a sunken courtyard in the middle. ☐ A healthy diagnostic house with kitchen anti-frying alarms and lavatory sen-

sors that detect bowel prob-

☐ On a more visionary scale. the designer Steve Johnson has created a prefabricated, quick-assembly house for Scotland's Millennium Forest. It is built among the leaves and branches, high above the ground.

How many householders of the future will look at the traces of today's design ideas in their homes and smile? • The Ideal Home Show is at Partly, but factors such as the · Earls Court until Sunday.

oil crisis, the Vietnam War and environmental scares at

As well as the Slim House signs struggling to become the shape of the future in-

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Tax avoidance scheme is legal

Hitch and Others v Stone (Inspector of Taxes) Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

Undgment March 181 A complex and artificial tax avoidance scheme, evidenced in sloppily executed documents by taxpayers and their legal adviser, could not be regarded as a sham and having no legal effect. The performance of the agreements for the disposal of potential development land giving rise to real consequences that affected third parties made it impossible for such a conclusion to be

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Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in a reserved judgment allowing appeals brought by way of case stated by the taxpayers. Mr Henry Hitch, Mr Ian Handy and Mrs Bearrice Handy, from a decision in principle by the special commissioners holding that the agree-ments on which the scheme was based were shams.

Mr Leolin Price, QC, Miss Penelope Reed and Mr John Smart for the taxpayers: Mr Phillip Vallance. r)C and Miss Karen Steyn for the

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that the Revenue assessed the taxpayers to capital gains tax on the disposal during 1984-85 of some 463 acres of agriculrural land known as Abbey Farm. Blunsdon St Andrew, Swindon, which was beneficially owned by members of the Hitch family,

The taxpavers annealed the asessments relying on documents which came into existence as part of an avoidance scheme entered into by the family that was designed to convert capital sums rep-resenting the realisation of the development value of the land into in-come in the hands of the lamily, as and when received by them.

The Revenue contended that the documents were of no legal effect. its primary contention being that they were shams.

At one stage the Revenue had challenged the efficacy of the scheme on the basis of the decision of the House of Lords in Furniss v Dawson | [1984] AC 474) but abondoned the argument shortly before the commissioners heard the case.

By agreement the commissioners had limited their decision to ruling on the Revenue's challenge to the legal effect of the documents. The commissioners found that a

purported agreement dated April 16, 1984, which formed part of the jax avoidance scheme was a sham in the sense that it was "intended ... to give the appearance of creating between the parties legal rights and obligations different from the actual legal rights and obligations (if any) which the parties intend to create", per Lord Justice Diplock in Snook v London and West Riding Investments Ltd [1967] 2 QB 786.

Following that finding, the commissioners concluded that a further purported agreement dated April 17, 1984, and two recitals to a deed dated June 22, 1984, whereb part of the farm was acquired by Cresi Homes pic, were also shams.

The commissioners criticised Mr Henry Hitch and Mr Patrick Taylor, a solicitor specialising in tax avoidance, stating that their evidence was inherently unreliable and that their dealings with the Revenue had been less than straightforward.

The commissioners found that

circumstantial they were driven to the conclusion that the taxpayers did not intend by virtue of the 1984 agreement to grant a 999-year lease of the farm to a small Singapore company.

Having correctly directed themseives on the question of sham, per Lord Justice Diplock in Snook, it was prime facie difficult to see how the commissioners' finding of fact could be susceptible of challenge on appeal.

But it was important to appreci-ate that the finding was made in the face of the parties own evidence as to their own intentions and thus was based, as would almost inevitably be the case where allegations of sham were made, on inference drawn from the facts.

whether the inference which the commissioners drew as to the true intentions of the parties to the 1984 agreement was correctly drawn. II in all the circumstances and on the totality of the facts found that inference could not properly be drawn, then the position would be that the true and only reasona-ble conclusion contradicted the commissioners' determination and

. It was for the court to consider

the appeal had to succeed: see Edwards v Bairstow ([1956] AC 14).
Of the factors that led the commissioners to their decision, nei-ther the Hitch family's wish to realise the farm's development value, nor the unreliability of some of the witnesses, provided evidence of sham. Equally, the fact that the 1984 agreement was not negotiated at arms' length did no more than

set the scene for the inquiry. That the agreement was not performed in every respect according to its terms took the matter little furwhether it was performed at all. If and to the extent it was performed. it was difficult to maintain that it was 8 sham; the more so in circumstances where performance of it led to real as opposed to share con-sequences affecting third parties.

It was impossible to regard the 1984 agreement as a sham. Where parties had entered into an agreement to effect a particular disposition, and that disposition was subsequently effected, there was no scope for an argument that the parties did not intend the agreement to have its expressed effect.

In a case involving a complex and artificial tax avoidance scheme, where the scheme ducumentation was sloopily executed, where the evidence of the taxpayer and of his legal advisor, the devisor of the scheme, was found to be unreliable, and where their dealings with the Revenue had been less than straightforward, there had to be a strong temptation for any tri-bunal to throw up its hands and cry "Sham!" But in the instant case and so long as the Snook definition remained that temptation had to

Having examined the facts lound and with every respect for the experienced special commisonly reasonable conclusion was inistent with their decision

Any challenge to the fiscal efficacy of the scheme had to based on Furniss v Dawson. No such challenge had been mounted by the Revenue and no view would be ex-pressed as to whether if it had been I would have succeeded.

Solicitors: Gregory, Rowcliffe & Milners for Mr T. P. D. Taylor, Douglas, Isle of Man: Solicitor of

Staying action before tribunal

Chorion ple and Others v

Before Mr Justice Laddie Judgment February 24]

It was wrong for essentially the same issues to be run in two separate tribunals. Where there was a significant overlap between an application to an employment tribu-nal and an action in the High Court, with common issues permeating each dispute and un effectively agreed timetable, it was appropriate to stay the former.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division, on interlocutory applications by the plaintiffs. Chorion plc. Chorion (IP) Ltd. Enid Blyton Ltd, Agatha Christic Ltd. Robert Boll [1973] Ltd and Rights Ltd. In ordering David Charles William Lane either to apply for a stay of his complaint of unfair dismissul in his employment tribunal case No 6004195/98, or to consent to an application for such a stay by the plaintiffs.

Mr Ian Geering, QC and Miss Juliet May for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Collins, QC and Mr Mar-tin Griffiths for Mr Lane.

Bird v Hadkinson

Judgment March 41

contempt of court.

ent's husband.

Before Mr Justice Neuberger

A disclosure order contained in an

injunction carried with it an obliga-

lion to do more than simply tell the

truth. Accordingly, a respondent who gave a truthful but inaccurate

answer, without taking reasonable

steps to investigate its truth, was in

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in

the Chancery Division when order-

ng that the respondent, Berna-

dette Hadkinson, pay 85 per cent of

the costs on an Indemnity basis of

abandoned committal proceedings

brought by Colin Graham Bird.

the trustee in bankruptcy of Colin

Graham Hadkinson, the respond-

Mr David Marks for Mrs Hadkin-

Mr Andrew Lenon for Mr Bird:

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER

ainst Mr Hadkinson. According

said that on February 27, 1998 a

bankruptcy order was made

to his own sworn statement of affairs, his total indebmess was ap-

proximately £17.1 millio; of that.

only about £1,800 had been re-

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MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that the plaintiffs were a group concerned, inter alia, with the exploita-tion of intellectual property rights. sues of impropricty; and 3 Allegations of unfair dismissal

Mr Lane had become managing director of the third plaintiff in February 1996, and in July 1997 an executive director of the first and manage ing director of each other plaintiff

On September 29, 1998, he had handed in a letter, the effect of which was in dispute: the plaintiffs amtended that it resigned all six of his directorships, and he, that it only resigned his directorship of the first plaintiff. Next day he had returned to his office in the plaintiffs' premises and cleared out his

On December II his solicitors wrote a letter before action to the plaintiffs, accumpanied by an originating application to the employment iribunal setting out his grounds for asserting unfair dis-

On February IS the plaintiffs served their own statement of claim against Mr Lane alleging wrongful acts committed by him both white still a senior executive of the plaintiffs and subsequently. On three matters, then; seemed

I it was proper that Mr Lane's claim for unlair dismissuf he heard as soon as possible; 2 Issues of breach of fiduciary duty and of confidence raised serious is-

.no dispute:

also carried a stigma, although maybe a lesser one.

His Lordship had considerable sympathy for Mr Lane's view that the timetable proposed by the plain-tiffs for the tribunal hearing was too ught for him adequately to defend himself: speedy lingation was likely to be cheaper than slow, but there came a point when speed could give rise to injustice.

His Lordship would nrder the plaintiffs' amended statement of claim to be served by March, adopt Mr Collins' umetable as the fastest that could be imposed while doing justice to Mr Lane, and order an expedited trial in the High Court to come on not before July 1, with an estimated duration of five days.

That left only one issue: should the court make an order effectively forcing Mr Lane to hold back on his application to the employment

His Lordship would proceed on the basis that, as at present formulated, the same questions of breach of fiduciary duty and breach of confidence would form part, hut not the whole, of the matters to be de-termined in the tribunal and would form a major part of the High Court action.
The courts had always set their

face against avoidable duplication

and Goldstone Ltd (1979) ICR 574. 5761 Mr Justice Brislow, delivering the decision of the Employment Ap-peal Tribunal in relation to a simi-lar common question which lar common question which lormed part of the investigation both by the High Court and by the industrial mbunal had said: "We think it clearly right in the interests

ceedings should be heard first." Mr Collins urged that here, an application to stay being on foot belore the tribunal, his Lordship should not take that decision away from the tribunal: also, that in the case of an unfair dismissal there was a fundamental objective that the employee's claim should be de-

However, his Lordship had come to the conclusion that it would be wrong for essentially the same serious issues to be run in two separate tribunals and that it was appropriate to make an order that Mr Lane should apply for a stay, or consent to the plaintiffs application for a stay, of his com-plaint of unfair dismissal, currently listed to take place on April 26, pending final determination of the High Court action, and, in the meantime, be restrained from pro-

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although the evidence was largely ther. The important question was Whether driver was an employee

Express and Echo Publica- an industrial tribunal sitting at Extions Ltd v Tanton

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice

Judgment March [1] It was necessary for a contract of employment to contain an obligation on the part of the employee to provide services personally. A con-

tract which allowed services to be

carried out by a person other than

the contractor was a contract for

services and not a contract of serv-The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Express and Echo Publications Ltd from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal Judge Peter Clark, Mr P. R. A. Jacques and Miss S. M. Wilson) (unreported January 30, 1998) of their appeal against a decision of

eier on September 16, 1997 on the preliminary issue whether the apolicant, Ernest Tanton, was an employee within the meaning of section 230 of the Employment Rights

Mr Jonathan Swift for the employer; Mr Tanton in person.

SON said Mr Tanton had been an employee of the company but had had subsequently been taken on as a driver under an "agreement for services", clause 3.3 of which pro-

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"lo the event that the contractor

Oxfordshire Health Authority (1998) IRLR (25) where it was held that an irreducible minimum of obligation was necessary to create a contract of employment. Without such an obligation it could not be

The law now recognised unambiguously that a contract of employment involved mutual trust and confidence: Malik v Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (The Times June 13, 1997; [1997] ICR 606).

the person for whom be worked was that of employee and employ-

It was the common intention of the parties that Mr Tanton should be a self-employed contractor.

had found to be pointers to a con-tract of service were in no way inconsistent with a contract for servic-

Tanton to perform any services personally was a provision wholly in-consistent with the contract being a contract of service, Both the tribunal chairman and the appeal tribunal had erred in

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Jus-

FRANCE

the contract was one for services.

Duty to make full and accurate disclosure the principal creditor an asset-freezing Mareva injunction restraining Mr Hadkinson from dealing with

or disposing of his assets. Some two weeks after the Mareva was granted and served, he transferred approximately £4.25 million from his bank account in Jersey to his wife, who deposited the money into an account in Switzerland.

On December 2, 1998, Mr Justice Rance granted a Mareva injunction against Mrs Hadkinson. Puragraph 2 of the order required her to provide certain information within 24 hours of service and serve a confirmatory affidavit within seven days.

On December 5, 1998 she swore an affidavit which purported to provide the information required by paragraph 2 of the order. She that she did not know what had happened to the funds trans-ferred to her account but that to the best of her knowledge they were

still in her account. The applicant's solicitors considered that the answers were wholly adequate and that Mrs Hadkinson had failed to take all steps which she ought reasonably to have taken to obtain and provide the necessary information required by the order. Accordingly, the applicant tigated committal proces against her.

On February 9, 1998, she provided a fuller affidavit and in those carcumstances the applicant decided not to proceed with the motion to commit but contended that he should have his costs on an indemnity basis.

His Lordship said that the case raised a question of principle; where an order such as the familiar disclosure order in a Mareva injunction required the respondent to do something, was it enough that they give an honest answer or did they have to do more than merely provide an answer to saosfy the terms of the injunction?

In his Lordship's judgment the order carried with it an obligation to do more than merely tell the truth, if the respondent gave a truthful but inaccurate answer. without taking reasonable steps to investigate the much or otherwise of the answer, then that was con-

In the instant case, Mrs Hadkinson had not given an accurate answer to the questions in the order and acted in an unreasonably dilary manner. Second, his Lordship said that

he had to consider the mental element required for contempt on which there was conflict between the Court of Appeal in Irtelii v Squarriti and Others (1993) QB 83) and the House of Lords in Di rector General of Fuir Trading v Pioneer Concrete (Lik) and Anoth

er (1995) 1 AC 456). In Irtelli Lord Justice Farquharson said (at p90) that it was inappropriate to find contempt unless: the evidence establishes beyond reasonable doubt that (the respondent] did intend to act in contempt of the court's authority".

The decision in I rtelli was a deci-

sion of a strong Court of Appeal however, his Lordship was sails fied that he should not follow it.

The House of Lords decision in Pioneer was more consistent with the previous line of authority. Moreover, Irtelli suffered from two problems.

First, the previous line of authority was not cited and second, the deion of the Court of Appeal in Pioneer, which was subsequently reversed by the House of Lords, appeared to have been cited in skele ton arguments, which might ex-plain the observations of Lord Justice Farquharson.

Accordingly, his Lordship said that he was not only free, but House of Lords in Pioneer. Solicitors: Stephenson Har-wood; Wragge & Co, Birmingham.

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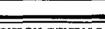
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Woodward waits for Guscott to prove fitness

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND know the enemy that stands between them and a grand slam with which to conclude the millennium. Now all they have to do is determine their own composition for the final match of the final Five Nations Championship, against Wales at Wernbley on Sunday, and their medical team could have the final say in selection.

Clive Woodward, the England coach, will have expected the unchanged Wales XV that was named yesterday, at much the same time as his own squad of 25 was announced, from which three will be dropped today. Whereas Graham Henry, the Wales coach, admitted that he took only five seconds to select his starting line-up. Woodward must await reports on Jeremy Guscott's harnstring before settling on his three-

Guscon's frame of mind will not be helped by the court appearance that awaits him later this month after an alleged road-rage incident. If the Bath centre makes his sixtieth England appearance this weekend, then Woodward can ponder whether to recall Tony Underwood to the right wing in place of the injured David Rees or to throw in Steve Hanley, the Sale teenager. who has enjoyed a meteoric rise in his first season of firstclass rugby.

Underwood has started games this season against Australia and South Africa, and represents the safe option. This was not always Woodward's modus operandi as a player, nor has it been his hallmark as a selector. He watched Hanley play an important role in Sale's win over London Irish at the weekend and will not be worried at his youth or his inexperience.

If, however, he has to replace Guscott in midfield, his thinking may change. The only other centre in the squad is Barrie-Jon Mather, who is not first-choice at Sale these days, and other midfield

SQUADS (Cardiff, M Taylor (Swences), I S Gibbs (Swenses), O F James (Portypridd), N R Jenidins (Portypridd), R Howley (Cardiff, copiain), P J D Rogers (London Insti), G R Jenidins (Swensee), B R Evens (Swen-see), J C Culmenti (Pichmond), C P Wysti (Uarelli), C L Chiervis (Swensee), B O Shidarson (Neath), L S Quirineti (Larneti), Replacements: N Waiter (Richmond), N Boobyer (Llaneti), D Young (Cardiff, A L P Levis (Cardiff), B H Williams (Richmond)

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options include moving either Matt Perry or Nick Beal from full back. Both played in the centre during the southern hemisphere tour last summer. though neither would wish to

repeal the experience. With Matt Dawson at scrum half for Kyran Bracken. Woodward lost no time in re-calling Austin Healey to England duty. The Leicester scrum half ends an eight-week suspension on Saturday, sustained after a stamping incident with Kevin Putt, of London Irish, and with Scott Benton carrying a leg injury, there



Healey: recalled to squad

are precious few alternatives to Healey, despite his lack of match practice. There is, too, a recall for Ben Clarke, who has spent the new year in the Eng-land A side and will be happy to make a return to the senior squad, which he did so much to boost on tour last year.

No such uncertainty clouds Henry's mind. "We would like to have had Allan Bateman in the 22, but we have been able to restore David Young and Andrew Lewis, who have played a lot of Test matches," he said. Henry seeks experience as a prime requisite, but also stability, hence his pleasure at selecting the same XV that beat Italy 60-21 and 14 of those who succeeded in France a fortnight earlier. Young and Lewis, the Car-

diff props, displace Darren Morris and Geraint Lewis because Henry believes he may need to change his enore front row at some stage against the powerful England tight five. "We have to improve in most areas." Henry said. "We need stability at first phase, to retain the ball in the tackle area, which we haven't always done consistently, to play the game in a positive frame of

mind, to concentrate on the

total package." In fact, Henry's shopping list of requirements for his players is as long as his arm, but he has been enthused by the quality he has seen at junior level in recent weeks, in his under-19 and under-21 squads, where success has made the future seem brighter, win or lose at Wembley. There can be no greater carrot for Wales, as Robert Howley, the captain, acknowledged, than to deny England a grand slam.

We will enjoy our last international at Wembley and we will try to give England a game," Howley said. "We can't afford to give them territory or possession, we will have to sort that out if we are to compete." So much humility has been coming out of Wales of late, it is distinctly worrying perhaps, threatening to deval-for England.



Power play: a jubilant Dott celebrates his 147 break against David Roe yesterday

Dott's perfect finish has the maximum effect

GRAEME DOTT underlined the unparalleled break-building standards being set by the top players when he made a maximum break to reach the second round of the British

Open at Plymouth yesterday. Dott. the world No 30, compiled the 147 in the penultimate frame of his 5-4 victory over David Roe. It was the 29th perfect run in professional competition and the seventh this season, two more than the previous record, set in 1991-92.

It was also the second in this tournament - Jason Prince made one in the final qualifying round at Blackpool in January - the fifth this year and the seventeenth in world ranking events. The ue them as an achievement.

BY PHIL YATES

Even so, Dott was delighted, despite having sur-rendered an ideal position on numerous occasions. He collected £5,000 and received the keys to a Vauxhall Vectra. Towards the end of the trame, Dott was forced to

judge several difficult pots, most notably the brown. which he clipped thin to a baulk pocket while employing the rest. A long blue followed, and even the black off its spot was by no means a formality.

Every shot on the colours was missable so in some respects that took a lot of pressure off me," Dott said. There's no way I could've been too disappointed about disappeared."

Dott, a diminutive 21-yearold from Glasgow, advances to play Stephen Hendry in a repeat of the Scottish Open final in February when the six-times world champion, who has recorded five maximums in competition,

The confidence generated by that result, and Hendry's subsequent capture of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters title, was evident during his 50 whitewash of Jon Birch. Hendry, who had breaks of 136 and 109, was detained for only 76 minutes. Jimmy White, desperate for all the ranking points be can

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muster in his fight to regain entry to the world's top 16 next season, rallied from 4-3 down to edge out Joe Swail 5-4 and will now meet John Parrott in | ment programme has," the second round.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Easter schedule upsets coaches

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHILE Super League Europe (SLE) officials were congratu-lating themselves on increased crowds over Easter, several coaches were outraged by the physical price of playing two JJB Super League games in four or five days.

The aggregate attendance figure for the holiday fixtures is set to exceed 100,000 when Huddersfield Giants and Castleford Tigers meet at the McAlpine Stadium tonight. The 15,000 crowd at St Helens on Monday was the biggest at Knowsley Road since the team won the 1996 Super League title. In addition, there were 16,000 attendances at Wigan and Bradford, which are seen by SLE as justifying the reintroduction of two Easter

fixtures in an expanded 30-match league programme. However, it was noticeable in most cases on Monday that matches lacked the intensity of those last Thursday and Friday because players were tired and more vulnerable to injury. A patched-up London Broncos must play their fourth match in less than a fortnight at home against St Helens, the

league leaders, on Friday. Dan Stains, the London coach, gave warning after the defeat away at Leeds on Monday that playing standards would suffer. After an typical-ly limp and bloodless encoun-ter, Graham Murray, the Leeds coach, said: "Our match against Bradford on the Thursday was about quality, not the lacklustre follow-up, which you get because players can-not recover properly in time." In the latest issue of Rugby League World, Malcolm the Huddersfield

coach, takes another swipe at the self-congratulatory mood in the domestic game after his four years in charge of Newcastle Knights, who won the 1997 Australian Premiership in his charge.

Reilly is dismayed that warnings be made before he left for Australia about player

development have not been heeded. "The infrastructure is very ordinary. We just haven't got anywhere near the depth that the Australian developsaid.

SPORT BILLER

Leicester Riders to look for new coach

RASKETBALL: Dave Harris, 38, has paid the price for presiding over Leicester Riders' lowest finish in the Budweiser League. The coach is not having his contract renewed for a second season although the club did end their campaign on a high note last Saturday by beating Derby Storm, coached by Harris's predecessor, Bob Donewald. Leicester still finished one off the bottom, in

twelfth place.
"Dave had a tough baptism
in the top flight and I know
he was as disappointed as anyone with the way the results went," Kevin Routledge, the Leiceste chairman, said yesterday. BOWLS: The absence of Amy Gowshall, the national champion of champions title-holder, who is only 20 from the England women's iunior side announced yesterday suggests that she has been pencilled in for a place in the senior side. The junior side - those who have not yet celebrated their 26th birthday — will contest the under-25 home internations series in Ayr next August Gowshall, who reached ber first England final when she was 14, could become the youngest woman to play bowls for England.

TEAM: Rink 1: R When Aloop (Clock, K. Jones (Bucks), S Nowson (hunts), C Northall (Devon). Rink 2: S Poyes (Note), I Simmons (Derbys), M Moorney (Yorks), C Herrey (Cumbs), Rink 3: E Alexander (Combs), J Stade (Bucks), N Poole (Devon), K-A Dyer (Glod), Rink 4: K Besty (Dutbys), K Cousins (Wils), Reserve; E Poyer (Note), K Cousins (Wils), Reserve; E Poyer (Note).

E SQUASH: Nick Matthew, Adrian Grant and Vicky Lankester, of England, defeated Spain 3-0 in the team final of the European junior championships in Vienna. Grant and Lankester had previously won the European under-19 boys' and girls' individual titles. **SKENG:** Amanda Piric and

Noel Baxter, both of Scotland, won the super-giant slalom titles in the final event of the British Land junior national championships in Tignes he France, in a repeat of the sialom results of Monday.

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Cardinal Morton was one of Henry VII's prime revenue collectors. He would visit the homes of the wealthy, and if they made him at home with lavish expenditure, he would infer that they had plenty of money and could thus contribute to the king. Thrifty hospitality would, of course, imply that they had saved up their funds – and would thus also be able to make a generous donation to the royal exchequer. What has this to do with bridge? Well, consider the following hand.

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Pass	4 H	All Pa	63

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of hearts.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

This hand from the qualifying round of the Dutch Forbo Tournament saw both rables reach Four Hearts. In one room the Dutch declarer as North pitched a club from dummy on the diamond lead, after which the contract could no longer be made. The loss of a spade, a club and two trumps was unavoidable.

At the other table Willem Gosschalk as South became declarer after the auction shown above, where the jump to Three Hearts as a passed hand showed 5-5 dis-tribution and invitational values. He showed the right way to play the hand. West kicked off with two top

b. Passing through the zenith

b. A new boy at Westminster

VERTICLE

a. A dog-cart

c. A vertebra

a. The midriff

c. A suppressed bark

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hearts, and a third round of trumps was taken by

At this point Gosschalk reasoned correctly that it was likely (because of West's initial pass) that East held the ace of clubs. He therefore played a low club away from the queen. East was caught in a genuine Morton's Fork Coup. If he rose with the ace, the spade loser in dummy would later disappear on the king of clubs. In fact, East ducked, but inslead saw declarer's remaining clubs discarded on

dummy's high diamonds.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

a. Bulgarian yoghurt

b. A mountain siedge

VARICELLA

a. An Alpine plant

c. A wild Catalan dance

Answers on page 41

b. Chicken-pox

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT 8 Kxf1 **8**g7

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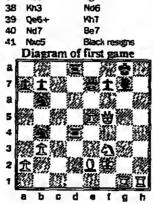
Decisive wins

Today I wrap up the Spassky - Korchnoi match in St Petersburg with the two decisive games which enabled Korch-noi to turn the match in his favour. At the half-way stage the contest was level pegging but Korchnoi displayed superior powers of stamina over the finishing stretch. White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Boris Spassky

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White Viktor Korchnoi Black: Boris Spassky St Petersburg 1999 Benko Gambit 2 c4 3 d5 4 cdb5 5 ba6 6 Nc3

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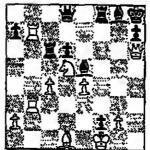
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend secoon on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Anand -Topalov. Monaco 1999.

Viswanathan Anand is one of the quickest tactical visionaries in the world. It would not have taken him long to spot White's winning combination here. What did be play? Solution on page 41



ATHLETICS

Return to colours for Coe

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH athletics is run by former athletes but, for all the medals today's men in suits won when they were heroes in tracksuits, none has the display of badges to match the latest recruit. Sebastian Coe. double Olympic 1,500 metres champion and multiple world record-breaker, returned to the sport yesterday as chairman of events for the company that promotes track meetings in Britain.

Nine years after reoring from competitive running. Coe has taken on a lead role with Fast Track, whose head is Alan Pascoe, the 1974 European and Commonwealth 400

metres hurdles champion.
David Hemery, the 1968 Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, is president of UK Athletics and its chief executive is David Moorcroft, a double Commonwealth Games middle-distance champion. Brendan Foster, the 1974 European 5,000 metres champion. s head of Nova International, which puts on most of Brit-

ain's televised road races.
One of the few Foster cannot claim is the London Marathon but David Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world recordholder, can. He is head of marketing. Coe, however, is the only one to have been personal trainer to the Leader of the Opposition.

Adding to his duties as William Hague's chief of staff, Coe became his lifestyle coach. Now the former Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, who lost his seal at the last election, is ready to take up an advisory role with Fast Track. He will continue his work at Westminster.

Coe's name will lend weight to Britain's bid to host the 2003 world championships. British athleocs has been rocked by drugs scandals, bankruptey and poor attendances of late. but the scales have been balanced by the success of the ath-letes. "There is a lot to shout about but also a lot to get right." Coe said.

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5.45 SAWLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,996: 1m 2f) (23) 5-1 Rum Pointer, 8-1 Utra Cairn, 13-2 Rossy, 8-1 Gallant Giory, 10-1 Haystacks. Silent Sound, 12-1 Bodtart Signel, Mags Pearl, 18-1 offers.

6.15 LEVY BOARD GRANTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £2,998: 1m) (11)

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National week supplies human drama exhausting in its quantity and emotion but the ;w. cogh hattle confronting Graham Bradley is compelling even by Aintree standards. Bradley is SKETSALL Designation of the control striving to preserve one final career dream as a jockey in the

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week when his other concern is the preservation of his liberty Last night, against heavy odds, he was refusing to accept the dream is dead. This was always going to be a poignant National for Brad-A CLOST PAT ley, not only because he has never won the race, nor that he was such a gallant runner-up a year ago, nor even because. at 38, time is so short. For this Yorkshireman of roguish hu-mour and undimmed enthusiasm, there was another matter to concentrate the mind.

Three days after the race, Bradley must report back to Charing Cross police station, from where he has been freed on bail since his arrest in early January by a force investigating alleged doping and race-lixing. It promised to be a demanding week, even before his orized ride on Suny Bay was so abruptly jeopardised. to the agonised hours after his fall from Rightsaidfred in

BY ALAN LEE, RACING CORRESPONDENT BY ANNUAL ritual, Grand the Irish Grand National on Monday, Bradley was reconciled to the worst. "I thought I'd smashed my shoulder to smithereens." he reflected yesterday. "I was in so much pain I thought there was no chance of riding at Aintree."

> Today in Interface: How to bet on the Grand National via the Internet

Now. remarkably, optimism has returned.

After resting his wounds in Dublin overnight, Bradley flew home yesterday for an immediate appointment with 'Rabbit Slattery, the physiotherapist who spends much of her life tending to the ravages of a jockey's singular exist-ence. She gave him better news than he had dared to

"All I have done is sprung a joint between the collarbone and shoulder." Bradley explained with the blitheness of a man reporting a grazed knee. "I haven't done it badly. either, which is amazing as the first thoughts in Ireland were that I had broken the collarbone and dislocated the shoulder. I've done neither and I honestly think I'm going to make it.

RACING: JOCKEY STRIVES TO OVERCOME INJURY AND RIDE SUNY BAY IN NATIONAL

Bradley keeps dream alive

"I've been told I must give it complete rest tomorrow, then I shall have some physic on Thursday and plan to ride out on Friday morning. If I'm on target. I will then ride one horse at Liverpool that afternoon — I must do that to prove my fitness to the owner and trainer, and most of all to

The Grand National remains the nagging omission in Bradley's career and Suny Bay, second in the last two runnings, is primed to provide the fairytale. "It is every jockey's dream and I won't get a better chance now. Time is running out for me and although I've got no wish to pack up yet, this ride means an awful lot."

Observing events with interest yesterday was Charlie Brooks, who trained Suny Bay until his retirement last summer and who must accompany Bradley to answer his own bail in the same inquiry next Tuesday. Brooks admits he will have mixed feelings on Saturday but he said: "I just feel it would be a major blow to the horse's chance if 'Brad' couldn't ride."

For Simon Sherwood, who succeeded Brooks at the Uplands yard in Lambourn, jockey uncertainty is an unwanted complication. Yesterday, though, he coolly put himself in Bradley's hands. "I thought pulled out."

he would be very unlikely to ride after a fall like that but while there is a possibility I will give him time," he said.
"I could do without all this but I'm prepared to sit on the fence until Friday. Naturally,

I'm looking around at who else is available and I will have someone on standby. My phone has been ringing all morning with suggestions but Dean Gallagher - who has ridden him before - must be a



Bradley: hopeful

strong candidate, along with Jason Titley and Warren Marston. There may be others, if intended runners are Yankie Lord, trained by

Sherwood for the Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson, was second at Uttoxeter yesterday with Tony McCoy deputising for Bradley. Mc-Coy. however, is committed to a fancied National runner in Eudipe, one of a battalion heading for Aintree to represent the champion owner. David Johnson, whose title is un-der heavy threat from J. P. Mc-Manus.

Istabraq, McManus's flag-ship, remains on target for the Aintree Hurdle on Saturday. while the highlight of tomor-row will be the Martell Cup, in which Tony Dobbin expects to be fit to ride Go Ballistic despite sustaining heavy bruis-ing to ribs and shoulder on Monday. Jump jockeys are a staggeringly stoical bunch. ☐ The going at Aintree is described as soft and good to soft in places on the Grand National course. Spokesman Ian Renton believes there will be some give, although only light rain is forecast between now and Saturday.



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Bradley and Suny Bay, far side, were denied by Earth Summit in the National last year

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wetherby

2.20 (2m 4 110yd hole) 1, Forever Noble (JAAcCarthy, 3-11, 2, Fullopep (6-11, 3, Roy-a/Castle (7-4 tay), 19 ran, NR Happy Davis 14, 11-4, O Stephenod, Total C 900, 21-30, 22-40, 21-20, DF: £11-90, CSF, £18-79. 2.50 (2m ch) 1, Skalinghurat Pyrer (P Niver, 10-1); 2, Queensway (9-1), 3, Minster Glory (11-4 lay, 11 van 12-5, et 80 DF; 79.90 CSF; 286 72, Tricasi 2289 88.

3.20 (2m 4) 110yd hdle) 1, Once More For Luck (M H Maughton, 100-30 lawl, 2, Bakker (5-1), 3, Tara-Brogen (13-2) 8 sen MR, No Girturecks 2-4, nk. Mrs. M Reveley 10s (24 00, 51 70, 51 70, 52 30 DF: 220 40 CSF (\$19.35 Tricset, \$34 30 250 (3m 5l ch) 1, Invest Wisely (B Harding, 5-1), 2 Spin of Steel (11-4 lay), 3, Shore Pisty (9-2), 7 ran NR, Master Nova, Rot Leader, Scotlon Green, Young Tomo, 21, 8l, M Harmmond, Tole 06,10, 22-40, 21,80 DF; C5-60 CSF A20 (am if ch) 1, Trade Dispute (Mr G fuer, 8-11 lan) 2, Joint Account (3-1): 3. Three Polato Four (33-1), 8 ran, 14, dist, E fuer Tote \$1.70, £1.10, £1.10, £3.10 DF: £2.20, CSF £2.86

24.50 (2m hdle) 1. Lord Dorcet (B Storey, 20-1), 2. Fing of Velon (8-2), 3, Ferfelds Prince (3-1 fav) 9 fan, 3, 84 hd. J Chenton, 104e £12-20, £2-20, £2-30, £170. Df; £62-20 CSF £10) 65 Tricast, £325 10. Placepot: £6.80. | Chiscopot: £4.70.

Uttoxeter Going: good to soft 200 (2m hdle) 1, Big Atell (R Johnson, 6-1), 2, Damenis Choce (33-1), 3, Dunston Bill (16-1) Ron's Round (11-4 bay 14 ran, NR Bukshom, Little Kenny 2/3, 2/3 S Brotschew Toler C5 20, E2 10, E7 30, E3 40, BF 5316 10, CSF £174 37, Tracest 52.756 40,

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3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Tremellit (T Jenks, 13-8 fey), 2, Yantee Lord (2-1), 3, Exact (25-1) 8 ran MR, Tight Fist, 13f, 51 T George Total, 240, E1 30, E1 20, C3 60, DF; E3 60 CSF; E5 36 Tricast, E47.29 4.00 (2m hdte) 1, Dervosid (S kelly, 6-4 lay), 2. Kingdom Emperor (6-11, 3, Get The Point (10-1) 9 nm ¾, nk. Mass Venetra Williams Toles C2 50, C1 a.0, C1 80, C2 70 DF; £9.60. CSF £10 58, Trocast, £61 55

5.00 (2m hole) 1, Orauno (A P McCoy, 5-4 km): 2, Kasar (20-1); 3, Wuritzer (9-2), 16 ren. 14, hd. M.Hammond, Tote: \$2.40; \$1.50, \$23.90, \$1.80 DF: \$23.50, CSF; \$23.48

Jackpot £5,235.10.

Going: standard 2.10 (7) 1. Chambristo Blue (K Fellon, 20-1), 2, Tess (10-11 lav); 3, los Pack (7-1), 10 ran. 44, 8t. T. Essterby Tote 221,90; 22.00, £1.10, £2.20 DF: £17.80 CSF; 234.88.

2,16 (In) 1, The Stager (I. Delton, 3-1 (sv); 2, Kiltarney Jazz (4-1); 3, Chrisberry (16-1), 14 ran, Nr. 3, J Jenkins: Toer: 25 50; 22 10, 22.70, 29.70, DF- 210 60, CSF: 215.66, Tri-cast: 2173 48.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, 1988 Farm Dancer (D Heyden, 11-4): 2, Artic Courier (5-2 lar), 3, Breteche (3-1) 8 ran. NP: Carol Again, 8t, 4t, W Brabourne Tote: £4 40: £2.00, £7 30. DF £4.80. CSF: £9 44.

G. C.S. CST 133 44.
4.40 (1m 3) 1, Chelcedony (J Fortune, 3-1), 2, The Last Word (8-1); 3, Netherhalf (33-1) Busting Bio (4th) 4-5 lav 9 ran. 2-4, 1-4 I Banon Tore: F4 70; £1 40, £200, £5 90, DF, £21 00 CSF; £28.19, Tricast: £643.25

Placepot: £77.30. Quadpot: £29.60. ☐ Jump jockey Jason Calla-ghan will be out of action for a few days after a fall at Carlisle on Easter Monday. Calla-ghan, whose mount Dynamic Lord was brought down in a novices' hurdle, said: "I thought 1 might have broken some ribs but luckily it's just bad bruising. I'll take it easy for a couple of days and hope-fully will be back at the end of

this week or the beginning of

ASCOT

2.00 Kings Boy 2.30 Bitofamixup

3.05 Paddy's Return

Southwell

Capt: \$173.48.

3.40 (7) 1, Garmock Valley (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Mawkab (9-4 fav), 3, Sharp Steel (20-1) 15 ran. NRT. Nully Stan. Sh.hd, sh.hd. J Berry, Tote: £730. £220, £1.70, £7.10 DF: £9.00, CSF: £20.48.

3.40 Premier Generation (nb) 4.20 Eagles Rest 5.00 Broad Steane 5.35 STONE'S THROW (nap)

ROB WRIGHT

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 CHAI-YO. Carl Evans: 5.00 Skip'N'Time.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.00 GROSVENOR CASINOS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,729: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

BETTANG: 5-4 Kings Boy, 5-2 Pasey Pariseper, 7-2 Molet, 14-1 Crack Regiment, Honey Dance, 20-1 others. 1998: BETTER OFFER 6-11-8 A P McCoy (6-4 lar) Mrs A Penell 9 ran

NINGS BOY can take his hurdes score to two from two. A half-brother to the useful steying hurder Pleasure Stared, the selection confirmed the promise of his debut bumper third when notting up from Farever Noble at Doncaster (2m 4) on his humping bow, Pestry Paskeeper alpeals as the main threat but, though more experienced than Kings Boy, he is yet to convince with his sumpling. He jumped with greater fluency than before when beging Stormworthy Miss 81 at Kempton (2m 5) in February but was again less than foot perfect when below that form, subsequently, Motel, a useful stayer on the First for Goot Wrang, and Cearanne, winner of the list Champion Stales at Inveyers but subsequently a failure at stud, are still learning the hade in this sphere. The former showed that he was going the right way when beating Tales DI Bounty ³²4 at Newbury (2m 5) last month.

2.30 ALLIED IRISH BANK HANDICAP CHASE (£9,885: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

BETTING: 11-4 Montraie Forte, 7-2 Super Taciles, 0-1 Berlane, 7-1 Northern Starlight, Wise King, 8-f Philip's Woody, 10-1 Cited's Song, 12-1 others. . 1998: BERTONE 9-11-10 A Thornton (8-1) K Bailey 8 ran

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PHILIP'S WOODY can be lencied after returning an excellent
effort in deteat in the Mitomay Of Fiele at Cheftenham (17) fifth
of 18 to Majartou after being brought to a withal standstill at
the ninith) and with the drying ground in his favour. Nicely Henderson's citrage races oil live same mark
here as at the Festival, just 31b higher than when readily beaturing Wayward King 91 at Doncassie (2m
39/3) to Docambos. Northern Startight, before his best when behind the election (100h) in the Midonay, sensitive 7th higher in the weights than when whoning the Tripleprint Chase at Cheftenham in December (Bertone well beaten and absant since), and Super Tactics is likely to have a bigger say here.
Best on a right-handed track and very effective feets, be returned to something like his best when beating Kadistriof a short-head at Kempton (2m) in February. Monnaise forth has a pleasing wars-brants
ratio and has not well here in the past. However, he limited distressed when disappointing on his reappearance at Cheftenham in January and may be best watched on this occasion.

READING THE RACECARD

13 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs O Roberson) B (tall 9-10-0 _______

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3.05 GROSVENOR CASINOS LONG DISTANCE HURDLE BBG2 (Grade N: £18,750: 3m) (7)

◆ Teastral will run only if there is sufficient overnight rain to make the ground good or softer, BETTING: 9-4 Galent Moss, 5-2 Pandy's Return, 9-2 Teastral, 11-2 Just Nip, 10-1 Lord Jim, 12-1 others, 1998; MARELLO 7-11-5 P Niven (11-4) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran

1998; MARIELLO 7-11-5 P Niver (11-4) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran
PADDY'S RETURN, wither of the Long Walk Hurdle here last
season, can mark his telum to Berleshire with a return to winning ways. He is yet to rediscover that sort of form this season
after a novice chase campaign was aborted after two starts, but has had to endure gound softer than
ideal and is only now getting his optimum conditions. Though unable to take a hand in the firitsh, he
ran web when 22 sight to Anzum in the Stayers' Hurdle at Chettenham (Lond Jim puthed top) last time
out. Gataint Moss was one of the gambles of the Festival when finishing third, bealen 63-1 by Gamerosa, In the Stalis Casino Hamillard (3mr 2). However, his taken to score off a mark of 125 suggests he
ask improvement to make to bouble the selection. Teachart must be a doubtful starter with connections
werning that he will only run if rain eases the ground to good or softs. A progressive performer, he impressed when bealing Just Nijo (2lb worse oit) 3-v1 off a mark of 123 at Sandown (2m 61) in February.

3.40 BRUNSWICK HANDICAP HURDLE

[SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£5,948: 2m 110yd) (12) A P McCov 103

BETTING: 7-2 Warm Speil, 9-2 Steer Marz, 8-1 Premier Generation, 8-1 High Invader, Alabang, 10-1 offices, 1988; RUBHAHUNISH 7-10-7 L. Harvey (7-2) M Bosley 8 ran 1988: PUBBAHUNISH 7-10-7 L Harvey (7-2) M Bosley 8 ran
HOH INVADER was unable to match strides with the leaders
pack leatings in the Supreme Novices: Hurgle at the Cheltenham Festival but can be landled on his return to handleap
ranks. A brother to the high-class Deto Sar, his claims rest on his previous? Hurgle at the Cheltenham Festival but can be landled on his return to handleap
ranks. A brother to the information Permiting Generation was another to fatter at the Festival (always
behind, 18th of 28 to Sir Tatbut in the County Hurgle), but had previously posted some useful effects in
newice company, bealing Daveste in a grade two event at Kompton, and he cannot be ruled out. Silver
Mitor, sold out of Mary Ricelety b yard for 25,000 types, has a langity absence to overcome, while Alabang can no sort of cace when less seen in the tropertal Cup at Sandown. Topweight Chai-Yo has brice
disappointed sonce his reappearance victory at Sandown (2m) in Hovernher but would not surprise a
bouncamp back with the ground now coming right for hum. Warm Spell, second on both of his starts
this season, most recently behind Pealings at Lingfield, is creaping up the weights without winning.

Moiava's

return

4.20 PARTNERSHIP PARADE NOVICES CHASE (£5,980; 2m 3t 110yd) (3;

1 P-1120 DARK STRANGER 21 (S) (T Neith) M Pipe 8-11-12 _____ A P McCoy [372]
2 62/120 FAGLES REST 46 (S) (Lady Lloyd Webber N Henderson 8-11-12 _ M A Pizzgerald 11/7
3 /b-P46 MASTER CH022LEWIT 12 (T) (S Griffolis) S 6 Shiffitz 9-11-4 _____ 8 Powell _ BETTING: 4-5 Eagles Rest, 11-10 Dail Stranges, 25-1 Maciei Cruzzlewii 1998: THE LAND AGENT 7-11-4 R Guest (8-1) J Mullins: 3 ran

Electively a match with DARK STRANSER taken to get the befor of Engles Riest. He picked up a couple of minor race: before coming unstack in befor company, notably when 12th to Majardou at Chellentram test time. There is not match to choose between thin and Engles Rest, who was well beaten when uncesting here test time but had previously finished 16th second to Chellentram winner Fragship Ulberalles at Kempton (2m). However, but Stranger is proven up at up to three miles whereas Engles Rest has been acting at livin milles and could find his stamma stretched on a still track. Martin Chuzzlewit is lor optimists only.

5.00 MERLIN NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (£2,762. 3m 110yd) (9)

BETTING: 6-4 Stip ArTime, 11-4 Broad Steams, 6-1 Donalisch Mor, 7-1 Chistit, 10-1 Alex Thuscombe, 14-1 A Right Set Two, 16-1 Indian Olow, 25-1 others

1998: JOY FOR LIFE 7-11-9 Mr S Swange (5-2) Mrs 8 Shange 8 ran Stronge (S-2) Ms 3 stronge (S-2) Ms 3 stronge (S-2) Ms 3 stronge 8 cm

StriP*NTIME added to his two point-to-point wins this season with an emphatic success in a hunter chase at Wincanton last month, always travelling well and bealing Cornerly Gayle by 13t. He will take plenty of catching here, Broad Searne is certainly consistent but facts at not of tra-listing pace and often finds one too good for him. He can, though, be expected to run his usual solid race and provide the main danger. Chism was 3's; bestind Sup Ni Time when the pair were third and loom to to fing Toms at Wincanton last season, and is spain likely to be held by the setection. Deviation to find the provided in the setection because of the provided the setection by the setection because of the provided the setection because of the provided the provided that the setection because of the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provided that the provided the provided that the provided

5.35 BRUNSWICK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,038: 2m 110yd) (10)

Alhosaam was desperately disappointing when, on his lavoured tast ground, his was tast of seven when taxourite for a would be a factor but that latest run undermines confidence. Peter Bermbo fass more to do than when winning at Folkestone tast time and tackles faster ground than he has yet encountered. Sadier's Secret was well beattern in a more to de wincomen Peterserice is for KRABLOOMS, who deserves the chance to make amends for his mistean last lime. He seemed to have the race in sale-keeping when anseating his rider at the tast at Fonkwell.

EDEOW! ROB WRIGHT 2.10 Sharbadarid 3.50 Jack

4.25 Mim-Lou-And 2.40 The Campdonian 4.55 Cettic Abbey 5.25 Dream Of Nurmi 3.15 Builder Boy Carl Evans: 4.55 Grimley Gale.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.10 CAYNHAM SELLING HURDLE (£1,711: 2m) (14 runners)

11-4 Sharhadarid, 3-1 Lotte Mies Lucy, 9-2 Sierra, 11-2 Paciditr Parky, 7-1 Allegiance, 16-1 Toy Box, 20-1 Just A Strof, Michelee, 25-1 others.

2.40 JOHN EDWARDS MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,241: 3m) (16)

5-4 Trestract's kreage, T-2 Chief Gale, 4-1 Blown Wind, 9-2 The Campdonian, 18-1 Bay Fair, 25-1 Boishe Baron, Called To The Bar, 33-1 others.

3.15 D.J. PROFILES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,022- 2m 5i 110yd) (18) 5-1 Garrynists, 11-2 Pallsander, 7-1 1 vio Lords, Fally Kright, 8-1 Mershighter, Jahl, 10-1 Badder Boy, Streaming, 12-1 others.

3.50 WEATHERBYS PRINTING SERVICES HANDI-CAP CHASE (£4.143; 2m 4f) (8)

9-4 Gratomi, 11-4 Jernaro, 5-1 Pimberley Place, 7-1 Cookeen Haro, Colone Blazer, 10-1 Jack, 12-1 Inch Emperor, 20-1 Blazes.

4.25 HENLEY HALL GOLD CHALLENGE CUP HANDI-CAP HURBLE (£2,762: 2m) (8)

4.55 CHASE MEREDITH MEMORIAL TROPHY HUNT-

ERS CHASE (£1,516: 3m) (5) 1. STO CELTIC ABBEY 20 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs C Herdinge 11-12-T Mr O S Jones (3)
2 2-11 GRIMLEY GALE 14 (CD.F.G.S) M. Jackson 10-12-Mr J S Jones (3)
3 3P-B LAKESIDE LAD 51 (D.S) 5 Richard Sulfishs 7-12-7 Mr M RODGE (7)
4 -PF3 MY NOMBME 17P (8.CD.F.G.S) D E Nicholis 11-12-2 Mr R Burton (5)
5 1P-3 OLLARDALE 11P (B.D.G.S) W Libeworth 11-12-2 Mr A Dallon (7)

1-3 Strinley Gala, 3-1 Cattic Abbey, 20-1 My Hominec, 25-1 Oliandale, 33-1 Lakeside Lad.

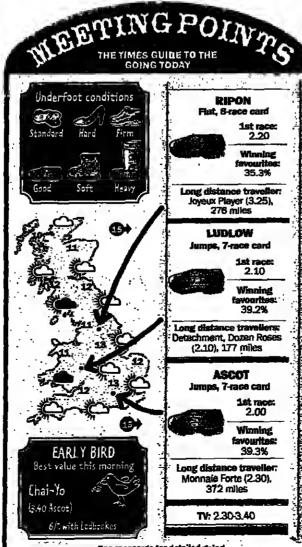
5.25 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,640; 2m) (18)

6-4 Dream Of Numi, 11-4 Don Faynz, 8-1 Groom's Gordon, 18-1 Doigts D'or, 14-1 Glacial River, Chelworth VI, 15-1 Saint Ceella, 20-1 offura.

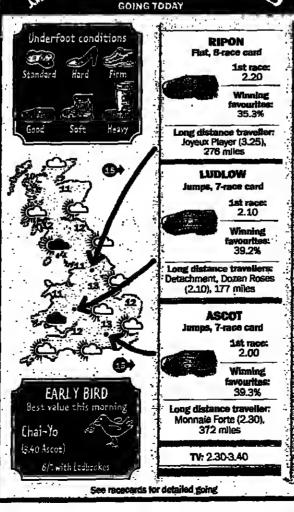
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Offending players face stiffer penalties

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PLAYERS could be fined heavily for disciplinary offences next season under a new scheme proposed by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). If the system is given the go-ahead during the sum-mer, persistent offenders might lose a week's wages should they fail to improve their behaviour. their behaviour.

The move follows a meeting of professional football's Negonation and Consultative Committee, which is made up of representatives from the PFA. the Football League, the Football Association and the FA Premier League. It has been concerned by the mounting lack of discipline throughout the divisions and the need to hit players where it hurts - in

their pay packets.
Under the new rules, a pro-portion of their wages will be docked after they have collected eight bookings. More seri-ous penalties could be imposed for those who are sent off, with fines of 50 per cent of their weekly wages for a first red card, possibly rising 10 75 per cent and t00 per cent for subsequent dismissals.

Players sent off for violent conduct and similar offences that warrant a three-match suspension would lose a week's wages. The maximum penalty would be two weeks' wages - the same level at which players can be pun-ished at the moment.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief executive, said yesterday: "We have a responsibility to clean up the game. Players are reluctant to be fined, particularly when they are only doing their job, and my concern is for offences that are not intended fouls at all but simply misjudgment of tackles.

"Players know that suspension is part and parcel of the job and we sympathise with defenders. For them to go

caution is practically imposs-

Dennis Wise, the Chelsea captain, would not have fared well had the new system been in operation this season. He has been sent off four times and missed 14 matches because of suspension. The bank balance of Mark Hughes, the Wales and Southampton mid-field player, would also have suffered. He has received 15 cautions and twice been fined £2.000, for reaching tt and 14

bookings. The FA Premier League and Football League have used different disciplinary measures in recent seasons. Two years ago, it was the traditional totting-up procedure, whereby players received one to four points per caution and were punished when they reached totals of 21. 33 and 45.

Last year, players were penalised when they had picked up five, eight and 11 bookings. If they managed to play five full matches without being cautioned, their last vellow card would be expunged. However, this was discarded last summer. This season, players face suspension when they reach five and eight cautions. Should they get to 11 and t4, they have to appear before an FA commission and can be suspended and/or fined. "We have an agreement in

principle, but no percentages have been agreed on," Chris Hull, a Football League spokesman, said yesterday.
The minutiae needs to ratified at another meeting in the next three months."

Taylor's main concern is making the fines fair for players in the FA Carling Premiership and those in the lower divisions, whose earnings differ vastly. "We are trying to be even-handed," he said. "Some club chairmen want to pay players nothing when they are through a season without a suspended, but that is wrong." | envisages Jozef playing a con-



High flyer: Fabio Bilica, of Brazil, blocks a shot during the Fifa Youth World Cup match against Spain in Calabar, Nigeria. Spain won 2-0

Venglos decides to remain at Celtic

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ward, will captain Internazi-

onale until the end of the

Ronaldo, the Brazil for-

JOZEF VENGLOS yesterday ended speculation about his future at Celtic by saying that he planned to stay on as coach of the Scottish champions next season.

However, Venglos, who coached Czechoslovakia to the quarter-finals of the 1990 World Cup in Italy, is expected to take on a role as a technical advisor in the long term, once a successor has been found.

"Celtic has every confidence in Jozef Venglos and greatly appreciates his valuable con-tribution to the club," Allan MacDonald, the acting Celtic chief executive, said in a statement.

"This is reflected in his decision to remain as head coach for next season and to build upon his good efforts to date. He has also pledged him-self to work with the new management team to help identify and transfer responsibilities to his successor as seamlessly

as possible. "In the longer term the club tinuing role for the club as European technical advisor." There had been speculation

in the media that the Slovak trainer would leave at the end of the season, but Venglos said in the statement "I am pleased to clarify my position. Our plans for next season are

THE controversial system of awarding European places to teams that do better in the FA said. "Next season, however, it Cup than in the league may soon be a thing of the past. Clubs in the FA Carling Premay well be that only the winner of the FA Cup can have a European place." miership have greeted the new

utive committee meeting in Israel later this month. The Premier League asked us if we could change the rules

system with dismay and Uefa,

European football's governing body, said yesterday that it

will discuss the Issue at its exec-

Serie A season. The announcement was made yesterday by Luciano Castellini, the Inter coach, after Ronaldo captained the side for the first Ronaldo only wore the arm-

Uefa responds to protests concern, we can't do it for this season," a Uefa spokesman

> Whether they win or lose against Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup semi-final on Sunday. Newcastle United will gain automatic entry into the expanded Uefa Cup next season. With Arsenal and Manchester United all but assured of places in the European Cup

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tenham having already earned a Uefa Cup place by winning the Worthington Cup, Newcastle are the only team left to profit from the Eu-

ropean place linked to success

band against Fiorentina be-

cause Giuseppe Bergomi was

on the bench, goalkeeper Gi-

anluca Pagliuca was suspend-

ed and Javier Zanetti waived

his right to wear it. But the 2-0

victory. Inter's first for two

months, secured with two pen-

alties from Ronaldo, has changed the balance of

in the FA Cup.

Because of the overhaul of European club football next season, with the Cup Winners' Cup being absorbed into the Uefa Cup, this means that only fourth place in the Premiership guarantees a team finishing outside the top three Champions' League and Tot- a place in Europe

power. Castellini, a stand-in coach for the last two months was absolutely delighted to accept the captaincy and that shows how attached he is to Inter, to the team shirt he wears and to the values it

We have now agreed with the rest of the team that he will be captain for the match-es ahead, even if Bergomi and

Pagliuca are playing."
The victory on Saturday night was Castellini's first match in charge since replac-ing Mircea Lucescu last month. "I'm very pleased with how it went, but the merit isn't mine," he said.

"I can't have changed things in such a short period of time. It was the players, who realised they were in a tough situation.

Inter's return to winning ways coincided with Ronaldo's recovery after months of injury problems and Castellini is counting on the Brazilian for the last seven games of the season

Gullit puts Ferguson to the test before

By GEORGE CAULKIN

AFTER more than three months of claim counterclaim, innuendo and rumour, Duncan Ferguson will make his comeback for Newcastle United tonight as Roud Gullit contemplates one of the biggest gambles of his managerial career.

Whitley Bay, of the Unibond League, will provide the oppo-sition at the Newcastle train-ing ground for a closed-doors match that should determine the Scottish striker's level of involvement in the FA Cupsemifinal against Tottenham Holspur on Sunday. Steve Howey, another recent absentee, will

Ferguson's inclusion is the more startling, however, given that Gullit's £8 million signing has played no competitive football since being substituted in Newcastle's 4-2 defeat at Liverpool last December. A groin injury has restricted Ferguson to just five first-team starts after his surprise transfer from

Everton the previous month. His recuperation has not been helped by a series of nig-gling, though unrelated, set-backs. Due to play in a reserve game against York City last week, he broke down in training, raising the suggestion that his season could be over. Guilit has now to decide whether the aerial prowess that Ferguson can offer is worth the obvious risk posed by his suspect fitness. A place on the bench at Old Trafford is

the likely outcome.

The prospect of Gullin fielding neither of his favoured forwards — as he was forced to do for the 1-1 draw with Totten-harn at St James' Park on Monday - has receded. Alan Shearer, the Newcastle and England captain, has recovered from an ankle injury, saying last night. "I'll be OK for Sunday."

Dietmar Hamann, the Germany midfield player, is also nearing full fitness, while Howey, the defensive linchpin of his side, trained with his team-mates yesterday for the first time since damaging his calf against Nottingham Forest last month. Only Stephen Glass is definitely unavailable for selection; he will undergo a knee operation tomorrow.

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CHANGING TIMES

FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

FOUR FA Carling
Premiership clubs could be Norway international players later this month. Norway have a European championship qualifying match against Georgia on April 28. Nils Johan Semb. the manager, said vesterday that he will invoke a ruling by Uefa, the European governing body, which states included in club matches in a five-day period leading up to internationals. Manchester United, Chelsea, Leeds Wednesday are all affected as they have fixtures scheduled

Sepp Blatter, the president of Fifa, the world governing body, yesterday ordered referees at the world youth championship in Nigeria to take action to stop players who feign injury. Blatter made his comments at a press conference in Lagos after being asked what he thought of the behaviour of the Brazil players during their 2-0 group F defeat against Spain in Calabar.

Players should know that they play on grass and not on water," Blatter said. "Referees must give a yellow card for each incident of feigning injury, but at the moment they are not doing this. When players are taken off on a stretcher they appear to be dying, but when their feet touch African soil they suddenly become fit again." he added. Five people were detained in Nigeria yesterday on suspicion of interfering with a stadium generator on Sunday. causing a blackout in the second half of the match between Mexico and Ireland. The suspects were seen near the generator that failed. causing the floodlights to go out early in the second half of the match.

■ Mircea Lucescu, the

Romanian first division.

Romanian who resigned as coach of Internazionale a little more than two weeks ago, has returned for a further spell as coach of Rapid Bucharest, the club announced yesterday. Lucescu, who left Inter immediately after the 4-0 defeat by Sampdoria on

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Nine countries have expressed an interest in staging the first club world championship, Fifa announced yesterday.

Mexico, Turkey. Paraguay. Uruguay, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Tahiti. China and the United States have all indicated a desire to stage the new competition, scheduled to take place from January 5 to 14 next year. The host country is expected to be selected before the end of May.



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Langer's century puts pressure on West Indies

FROM PAT GIBSON IN ANTIGUA

VIV RICHARDS - or Sir Vivian, as we must call him these days - has agreed to bring his considerable presence to bear on West Indies in the forthcoming seven one-day internacionals against Australia and the World Cup in England in May

His involvement, by the invitation of Pat Rousseau, the president of the West Indies Cricket Board, reflects the cononuing concern about their batting, which could not have been facing a more severe examinadon yesterday as Australia pushed for the victory in the final Test that would level the series and retain their hold on the Frank Worrell Trophy.

It follows Richards's contribution to West Indies' famous victory in Barbados, when Brian Lara revealed that his frequent visits to the dressingroom had helped to motivate him and his team. They reached a victory target of 308

with one wicket to spare. They have even more to do this time. Australia, who were already 290 runs ahead when they began the fourth day on 209 for two, eventually challenged them to score 388 to win — or bat through 4½ sessions to draw and thereby regain the trophy - on the back of a century from Justin Langer, achieved in the face of a magnificent spell of bowling with the old ball by the indomi-

table Curtly Ambrose. There have been times in this series when Ambrose has appeared to be coming to the end of the road after more SCOREBOARD

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taking only 11 wickets in the first three Tests, he has come back into his own on his home eround. He took five for 94 in Australia's first innings and yesterday claimed the important wickets of the Waugh twins in an exemplary spell of two wickets for nine runs in ten overs, six of them maidens.

Ambrose, 35, has been written off before, but he has always insisted that only he will know when to quit and he looked as though he could go on for some time yet as he confounded Mark Waugh, who had scored 65 in a third-wicket partnership of 147 with Langer, and then Steve in successive overs.

Not even Ambrose could deny Langer his century, however. He shrugged off the

Ambrose when he was in the 90s to complete his third Test century in exactly 54 hours, off 252 balls. He his a six and seven fours.

Langer is yet another of those overseas players who readily admit that they have benefited from playing county cricket. Indeed, the 1.448 runs that he scored for Middlesex last season, at an average of 62.95, had much to do with his recall to the Australia team for the tour of Pakistan last year.

He scored his first Test hundred in Peshawar, when Mark Taylor was making his monumental 334 not out, went on to make an unbeaten 179 against England in Adelaide and now produced his best innings of the series when his captain needed it most.

Steve Waugh was still haunted by what happened in Barbados and Australia's progress was painfully slow, particularly after Hooper had pitched one of his off breaks outside Langer's leg stump and turned it so much that it hit the off.

That was an encouraging sign for Australia, but still they fretted over whether they had enough, scoring only 65 runs in 33 overs before funch and then losing their last five wickets for 32. Three of them fell to Courtney Walsh, giving him 26 in the series and taking him to within II wickets of Kapil Dev's Test record of 434.

LINKS ...



Stewart seeks end to England losing sequence

EVEN with a new electronic score board and an elegantly-shaped roof capping one of the stands, it requires a vivid imagination to mistake the CBFS Stadium in Sharjah for Lord's. Yet it is here, in temperatures approaching 37C and on pitches without a tinge of green, that the countdown to the World Cup begins for England today.

Alec Stewart, the captain, was merely being honest when he said there was little that the selectors can learn from the Coca-Cola Cup over the next fortnight that might after the thinking for the tournament proper. which begins against Sri Lanka in London NW8 on May 14.

After losing six of the past seven one-day internationals at the end of the Australia tour, however, the importance of linking a few victories together should not be underestimated. If they can repeat the performances of 17 months ago, when a different England side, led by Adam Hollicake, beat India, Pakistan and West Indies, then the World Cup can be undertaken with more optimism.

FROM RICHARD HORSON IN SHARIAH

Stewart emphasised that the priori- With that in mind it must be The squad for the last visit here, in 1997, comprised of players equipped ty is to win a tournament carrying specifically for the conditions, but the prize-money of £32,000, to the point stalwart county all-rounders have of picking the best side for each of the been replaced since by specialists -the likes of Angus Fraser and Ian Ausfour group matches against Pakistan and India rather than experimenting tin who should come into their own with new ideas. "If there is a way of looking to tactics we can use back in seaming conditions in England. The group who won in Shariah struggled to match that success thereafter.

home we will do it, but all the conditions are different." Stewart said. New cameras brings World Cup into line

AN INNOVATIVE £500,000 camera system, designed to assist the third wicket, making line decisions easier umpire, is to be used at the World Cup, which starts oext mooth. to assess. The Eogland and Wales Cricket

Board hopes that the International Cricket Council will donate about £200,000 for the Panasonic Pana-Eye scheme, with the electronics company contributing the rest of the

The system has been used in South Africa and involves the he was recalled by the selectors.

placing of four fixed cameras level with the stumps at either end of the

Salim Malik, the former captain involved in allegations of match-fixing. was yesterday named in Pakistan's 15-man squad for the World Cup. Salim was oot included in the provisional squad, but after a dismal performance by the middle-order batsmen during the tri-nation series in India.

The only complication is a slight back miury to Fraser, although considering the flight from the training camp in Lahore was delayed by 12 hours, including a two-hour wait on the

assumed that the XI chosen to face

Pakistan over 50 overs under lights

today is the side that is thought most

likely to beat Sri Lanka next month.

"I always had the feeling that I would play the World Cup," Salim said yesterday, before flying to the United Arab Emirates for the threenation Sharjah Cup, involving England and India. The selectors also recalled Waqar Younis, the fast bowler, and Mushtaq Ahmed, the

leg spiriner.

PARISTAN BOUAD: Wasm Akram (capton), Seed Anwor, Shahid Abrd, Waphenlish Wash, Irzamemushia, Ipz Ahmed, Saim Mask, Yousul Youhana, Mon Khan, Saipan Mushtan, Muthten, Ahmed, Sheab Ahviar, Waqar Yourus, Azhar Mahmpod, Abdu Razzak.

of the 15-man squad have ailments. Eight of the team appears to be fixed: Knight and Stewart to open followed Hick. Thorpe, whose recovery from a back problem is crucial, and Fairbrother. Gough and Mullally will take the new ball and Croft is the only specialist spio bowler. Given that Austin or Fraser will be the third seamer, and that Ealham is the roost

likely No 7, it leaves the pivotal position at six to be filled. While Hollicake's star has fallen over the winter, Andrew Flintoff has responded emphatically to the challenge. Pakistan provide stiff opposition, having completed a sequence of victo-ries against India over the winter by

winning the Pepsi Cup in Bangalore three days ago. A large expatriate community will occupy most of the 12,000 capacity and the absence of Waqar Younis and Mushian Abmed. rested ahead of the World Cup, is unlikely to diminish their prospects. FIXTURIES: April 7: England v Palestan. April 8: India v Palestan. April 9: India v England April 11: England v Palestan. April 18: England v Palestan. April 18: England v Palestan. April 18: Palestan. April 18: Palest

Joke falls foul of moral indignation

write here will be deeply shocking I am about to surrender all my credibility as a person of weight, of moral serious ness, as a person equipped to write with judgment on the follies of humankind. But I cannot deny it. I thought it was furny. I still

I laughed at the picture laughed at the grossness, the conceptual wit, the apposite ness, the ludicrous exactness of the mime. The idea of turning a pitch marking into a monstrous line of cocaine had something almost Rabelaisian about it.

I could see that it was going to make a lot of trouble, too. I felt, if anyhing, rather sad about that Robbie Fowler could proba-bly hear a still, small, John e Mesurier voice deep inside him even as he dropped to his knees. You think that's quite wise, sir?" But there are some people who cannot resist a jest. When a jest occurs, there is a pressing almost incontinent need to give it voice.

Oscar Wilde's joke at his trial explaining why he didn't kiss a male acquaintance - "He wasn't even pretty" - became something of his famous last words. I fear that the world may have its revenge on Fowler. This could be his famous last sniff. But be serious, I hear you say. Be responsible. Be mature. What kind of example is this to set for children?

Quite a good one, I am tempted to say. To repay a gibe with a jest is a good thing, certainly better than repaying a gibe with a blow. If Graeme Le Saux had been able to do such a thing. Fowler would not be in the mess

Fowler's caperings before Le Saux — another of his mimes: Powler really is the Marcel Marceau of football - silently and deafeningly accusing Le Saux of homosexuality, were unamusing. They were intended to offend, they were aggressive, they were thoroughly unpleasant. But Le Saux — I am sure a very decent fellow - suffers the tragedy of

er. He whacks people who. tease him. Being teased is part of being a footballer. Or a stable lad, for that matter. I met an unteasable stable lad the other day. Very good with horses, couldn't stand being teased. He had his initials - T. W. - appliqued oo to the silk of .. his belmet. His colleagues call him Tinky Winky. Fowler couldn't resist a

being an unteasable football-

jest against Le Saux, on the Tinky Winky principle, and will deserve a reasonably hefty slap on the wrist as a result. But, all the same, Fowler can show Le Saux



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how even a malicious joke can be turned on the joker. supporters call him "smackbead" - with his inspired mime. But the sound of condemnation that followed has been extraordinary. I don't recall condemnation of Paul Merson's drinkingman goal celebration, and alcohol claims more lives and causes more misery every year than cocaine. Ask Mersoo if you don't believe

me, or Tony Adams. But illegal drugs stir the uices of the serious minded. Fowler was encouraging the use of a lethal drug, how can he do so without hearing the screams of a million addicts. etc. etc. To make a light remark about any drug other than alcohol, the West's. drug of choice, is to turn upon yourself the full battery of moral indigna-

tion. It's open season. What about his responsibility to children? For a start, Fowler has no responsibility for children - that's something to do with parents, actually - and for seconds. any child that decides to soort cocaine because a footballer made a dodgy joke is in deep enough trouble without worrying about people such as Robbie Fowler.

It tell you what Fowler's trouble is. It is making jokes. It is falling foul of the global conspiracy of the humour-less. Jokes humanise, jokes civilise, jokes deficet wrath. Jokes give perspective, insight, clarity. Jokes give complexity. Jokes add life-giving layers of possibility. Jokes do not compromise the seriousness: jokes add to a serious intention and make deeper the meaning. Ask Shakespeare if you don't believe me, or Donne, or Joyce, But so much of daily life is organised by the conspira-cies of the jokeless: the dehumanisers, those who dread. perspective balance, thought Lord deliver us from the humourless — I fear Fowler has fallen into their clutches. Moral: don't make jokes Ever. The humouriess always win.

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FIXTURES

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Nationwide Conference

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RUGBY LEAGUE JJB Super League Huddersheld v Castleford (7.50) RUGBY UNION

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WORD-WATCHING

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(c) To bank, especially in a suppressed manner. Echoic. Cf. waff. YUG (c) In Hindu cosmology, any of the four ages in the duration of the world, the four ages comprising 4.320,000 years and constituting a great yuga (Mahayuga). The Sanskrit word means an age of the world.

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John Hopkins on the family anguish of golf's superstar

Shadow looms over Woods

fixture at important golf events in the United States and at the major championships for several years. Indeed, one of the most moving sights of the 1997 Masters, when Tiger, his son, won the first major championship in which he competed as a professional, was the sight of them embracing emotionally by the side of the 18th green after Tiger had won by 12 strokes and set a new 72-hole total.

However, the Masters this week will be the last major championship that Earl will be able to attend for some time. Next Monday, he will begin radiation treatment for prostate cancer. As a result, he will miss the Open Championship at Carnoustie in July and, probably, the US Open at Pinehurst in June.

Though David Duval has eclipsed his compatriot these past six months and recently replaced him at the top of the world rankings. Tiger Woods



remains the biggest name in golf, the biggest earner, a young man with a huge following around the world. This has come about as a result of a strategy that Earl and Tida Woods developed for their only son before the prodigy was born. They decided that Tiger would always come first in their relationship and set about planning and executing their predetermined aims.

The lengths to which they went were extraordinary. For example, Earl Woods has revealed how he would stand over Tiger's cot and talk gently to his new-born son while stroking his cheek. Earl Woods, a lover of jazz, made sure that music from the local station was playing on the radio when Tiger was brought home from the hospital. "Jazz is so creative, so melodic," Woods said. "I wanted Tiger

to hear it straightaway." Yet as vital a part of successful parenting as bringing up the child is saying goodbye to that child and Woods has been doing that some time now.

"I am satisfied and pleased with what I have done for Tiger," Earl Woods said, "but 1 am moving into the background more and more. 1 attend fewer tournaments now and Tiger and I only talk on the telephone once every two or three weeks. I have told him 'live your life, it is yours not mine. He is growing up right in front of our faces. In 24 years, he has gone from being a young adolescent to a young



Woods embraces his son after Tiger had completed his record-breaking victory at the Masters two years ago

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Woods admitted that Duvai was probably playing better golf than his son at the moment, but said that did not make Duval the best golfer in the world. "Is the best golfer in the world the one with the most talent or the one with the best results while at his peak? I say David Duval is better than anyone else at

the moment, but his overall game needs to improve. It has been up and down. Tiger is in the top ten all the time, he makes cuts, he is in contention. It is only a matter of time before he regains his

supremacy.
"Clearly, Tiger is emerging as a domi-nant golfer of his era, one of the young kids who reflect the

Nineties approach to playing golf, young kids who attack. who are very aggressive, long and mature. They have more talent than the guys in the past. They eat properly, take care of their body, do not punish it. This is one of the most talented groups ever and it includes Ernie Els, David Duval, Lee Westwood, Justin Leonard and, of course, Tiger.

Els, for example, is a multital-ented individual who has an inherent ability to shed pressure. Michael Jordan had it, Tiger has it. No other golfer

They are the forerunners of the next generation. Lurking in the woodwork and the weeds are some of the most fantastic golfers 1 have seen. They are going to be rivalling these guys in five

years. They will be preponderantly non-white, will come from all over the world. Of those from the US, some will come from the inner cities. This is attributable to Tiger, Tiger made golf cool. Golf is an avenue to stardom for them. Golf is a game they can play for ever.

Tiger has faced

expectations

and worries than any athlete in the history of an individual sport Even Michael Jordan sat on the bench for the Chicago Bulls for two years and did nothing. At the age Jordan was sitting out the bentit. Tiger: was being presented with the problems of being the No I golfer in the world in a sport in which he is the only non-

Problems that he has negotiated with the help and preparation of his father. For his part, Woods can draw satisfaction from knowing that he has done a good job. "Tiger continues to be a better person than he is golfer," he said, "and for that I am grateful that I raised a good person."



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CHANGING TIMES

Duval inspires young tigers

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA

63rd Masters is the chance for them to take a big step forward. Woods is determined to demonstrate that the desire to win a second green jacket and second major championship is enough to draw from him a top-drawer performance.
The sub-text for Woods is that such a performance will enable him to regain his rank-ing as the world No I from

FOR Tiger Woods and Lee

Westwood, two young men with the world at their feet, the

David Duval. Woods denies being put out by Duval's rise, but he cannot be happy about being asked at every turn whether he acknowledges Duval to be the better player. What Woods said yesterday, when he was asked for the umpteenth time, was: "He is certainly playing better." Woods said he has played

well for some months without having the exceptional sparkle that has marked Duval's golf. He believes his game is much steadier than it used to be. "My bad rounds now are 69s and 70s: they used to be 78s and 79s." He particularly praised his putting, which is

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so important at Augusta. In the West Coast tournaments before Augusta, where Woods finished first, second and third in three of the five events, he did not three-putt once.

Westwood expects to show on his third appearance at Augusta not only that he is comfortable on the course, but that he has judged his prepara-tions to perfection. Westwood has made a slow start to the year after his marriage in January. He has played only 14 competitive rounds, and al-though he finished fifth at the Players Championship, one place better than in 1998, he then went off for a week's holiday whereas last year he moved on to New Orleans and won his first tournament in

There is a fear. in other words, that Westwood may be undertrained here. It is not a charge with which he agrees. The last thing you want to do is to come into a major with a lot of hype surrounding you. so having the week off is the best thing to do," Westwood said. "I am playing as well as [did at this time last year."

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Apocalypse soon

April 1999: A meteorite the size of Birmingham strikes Zambia, devastating the Earth. At the moment of impact, a train enters a tunnel just outside Sheffield and one carriage is left uncrushed by the ensuing collapse. The surviving passengers are, however, put into suspended animation. One of them knows how and why but when they awake and find themselves the only. humans alive in a tropical and toxic Yorkshire, they reject her explanation as incredible. Menaced by starving wild dogs (some scenes are truly horrific), they gradually come together and set off in search of a bunker where they believe the authorities have taken refuge. But how many days, months or years were they asleep . . . ?

Channel 4, 9pm

Twas the night before Chrismas (well, it is an American show) and the spirit of Symbolism was stalking the hospital. From the cooler perspective of Easter week, tonight's episode may seem sentimental and overblown, but you're unlikely to be bored. Carter battles to resuscitate an 18-yearbe bored. Carler battles to resuscitate an 18-yearold boy unconscious and not breathing for 20
minutes, only to find that the mother of the now
brain-dead youth refuses to allow his organs to be
donated, even when a 16-year-old girl dying of fiver
failure is brought in. British Dr Corday falls for a
classical musician and he for her, but he is on the
brink of surgery for prostate cancer, so what to do?
The increasingly obnoxious Romano finally goes
too far with Benton and Amanda Lee's obsession
with Greene appears to be reaching melidown. with Greene appears to be reaching meltdown. Meanwhile, Ross and Hathaway continue to circle the subject of parenthood.

Channel 4, 10pm

The dilemma faced by Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) in tonight's episode presumably reflects the daring nature of the too-often anodyne series.

march? Mán Utd v Juvenius (TTV, 7.30pm)

In bed with Mr Big (Chris Noth), she breaks wind for cuts the cheese as the Americans might say) and immediately rushes out and away. This embarrassment of course cannot be the subject of her next column, but fortunately Miranda (Cynthia Nimm) has not had sex for three months: cue, how often is normal? So that's how women's magazines come up with ideas. Tony Patrick

The Big Match — Live: Manchester United v

Just what might the Old Lady make of the Red Devils? Juventus, alias the Old Lady of Turin, leave Italy for this European Cup semi-final first leg at Old Trafford with the return to come in the Stadio Delle Alpi a fortnight hence. Debilitated not only by a knie injury but also insidious off-the-field disputes. Zinedine Zidane, the Juventus captain and the 1998 world footballer of the year, should nevertheless be available to torment United but the Italians do boast formidable back-up in Edgar Davids, the Holland international, nicknamed Pitbull, so be might just out-tackle Roy Keane in central midfield — and Filippo inzaghi, the Italy international striker. Louise Godfrey

The bangs and whistles that were added to the Reith Lectures last year in the form of a debate involving an audience (wow, gosh) have more trimmings this year in the shape of a travelling lecturer. Anthony Giddens is Director of the London School of Economics and the series title for the lectures this year is Runaway World, the talks being an according to the debatic and the series to the series of the se

being an exploration of globalisation. This is the excuse physically to site the lectures in different parts of the world, with the first one coming from

London, the next three from Hong Kong, Delhi and Washington respectively. Professor Giddens

will also be answering listeners' questions on the Internet from next Monday at this address:

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Supermarket Kisses

Radio 4. 11.30am Anita Dobson stars in this short play by Mark Tuohy, a fringe theatre writer new to radio. The play is more uplifting by its finish than the early pay is more upming by its initial man the earry prospects would suggest and it eleverly overturns, some assumptions that may be made during its opening 15 minutes. Dobson plays a feisty women who is approaching 50 years old and finds most of the fun has gone from her life and her marriage. She celebrates her birthday with fellow supermarket workers Mel (Alison Petritt) and Tom (Paul-Bradley). The worse for drink, the three break into the supermarket Carol hurching, between name. the supermarket. Carol lurching between panic. devilment and sexual curiosity. She is about to learn something unexpected about both Tom, and

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6.00em On Air Arts news and music, including Mozart
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and Alegro in A flat, Op 70)

9.00 Measterworts with Peter Hobday. Profediev (Violin
Sonata No 2, Op 94a); Baritoz (La mort de
Cleopatre); Bestiroven (Variations in F, Op 34)

10.30 Artist of the Weets John Tombinson

11.00 Sound Stories: Cathedrais Richard Bater
investigates the musical importance of Christ
Church Cathedral, Oxford

12.00 Prouse Composer of the Weets British. (f)

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Custet, Alen Schiller, plano Quintet No 2 in C
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2.00 The BBC Orchestors BBC Philharmonic. Weber (Overture: The Ruler of the Sprits): Elgar (Vlotin Concerto in B minor); Bax (in memorism); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D)

4.00 Choral Eventong From St Paul's Perish Church, K Street, Washington DC, beatwing Washington Symphonic Brass. Director of music Jeffrey Smith. Organist Scott Destra

5.00 in Tune Sean Raffierty previews the new CD by Jan Garbarek and the Hilliand Ensemble

7.30 Performance on 3 The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, under Tadaako Otake, begin their Easter tour with an all-Russian programme at London's Barbican Hall, Lyadov (The Enchanted Lake): Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor)

8.20 Book of the Month. An extended review of T.J. Clark's book Farewell to an Idea: Episodes from a Fistory of Modernism, which considers whether modernism and socialism died together 8.40 Concert, part two. Mussongsky, ordin Favel (Picares at an Editation).

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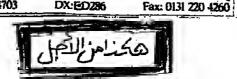
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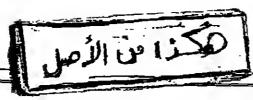
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Four legs good, two legs also pretty good ally overthrow this approach to

vationists now seem to VI subscribe to the Orwellian dictum, "Four legs good, two Peter Stringfellow, too, even though his hairstyle indicates that he is trying desperately to metamorphose into an Afghan hound.

Millions of pounds are raised every year to safeguard endangered species and pillaged rainforests. But we have become so attuned to the idea that nature conservation is about saving forests and jungles and animals from man's predatory behaviour that it comes as a jolt when someone like Charles Lane comes along to shake some sense into us - not by preaching "Four legs good, two legs better," but just by reminding us that for nature conservation to have any hope of working we would do wen to app.
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actually, "Four legs good, two legs would do well to appreciate that, also pretty good".

Conservation (BBC2) was a chilling story, unhysterically told. Lane, who has worked in less bad" - and that curse goes for . Tanzania for more than ten years as an agriculturalist and social scientist, understands why people want to protect endangered wildlife: he understands because he wants to protect it, too.

But Lane thinks that many of us who feel good because we have contributed to, say, saving the rhino, might not feel quite so good if we knew that many conservation programmes are executed at the expense of those indigenous people who once lived on the land now being senced off as wildlife preserves. These are local residents who have lived alongside these elephants and rhinos for centuries and who are often those responsible for preserving the African landscape in a state fit for safari tourists. Lane led us to the Ngorongoro-Conservation Area, Tanzania's

is full of wildlife. It is also home to 50,000 indigenous, mostly Masai, residents. But "today," said Lane, "the Masai are told to leave lands they regard as their own. They signed an agreement with the British colonial Governor in 1958 to vacate what is now the nearby Serengen National Park for rights of habitation in perpetuity in what is now called Ngorongoro Conservation Area. However this promise has been broken."

aitetoe Monjor, an elderly Masai, can recall the day. 25 years ago, when his village was evicted from the vast former crater floor in Ngorongoro where they reared cattle and grew crops. "The army arrived in the morning with torches and woke everybody up. They beat the children and forced everybody out of their homes and drove them up the crater wall. Any man that resisted

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was put in jail. Some cattle got lost and went back, and they were eaten by lions, hyenas, etc. Some of the women who were near term aborted. The people were just shoved up here and left with no shelter, no protection or anything from the elements." Doesn't sound all that dissimilar to what Milosevic gets up to, does it? Lane believes that population

pressures and poverty will eventu-

something more just, much more complex to ensure that Nature's bounty here is preserved for posterity and local people have a future." Similar suffering is being inflicted on dispossessed indigenous peoples in other countries and on other continents. Passionate but not pushy. Lane would make a good presenter for a series investigating similar tensions elsewhere - not instead of David Attenborough's wonderful wildlife films, but alongside them.

In Chasing The Tiger (BBCI), Julian Pettifer also showed that if tigers are now threatened with extinction, it is not because of the indigenous people who have shared the tiger's habitat for centuries. Blame, instead, the poachers and traders servicing the Chinese medicine market for tiger products, which supposedly make you strong and brave.

conservation: "We have to look at a particularly disheartening contempt for environmental legislation. In one Tokyo shop, our man with a hidden camera is offered more than just tiger bones: "This is tiger's penis. It's a bit off-colour. though", which was forgivable under the circumstances - the circumstances being that it had been detached from its owner and placed in a cellophane bag. "You steep it in white liquor for about three to six months and then you drink the liquid." If you're willing to drink that, then frankly you're probably as brave as you'll ever need to be on this earth.

> Typical of Japan's pitiful unconcern for wildlife was a scene from a Japanese TV game show in which three Japanese celebrities were taken 10 a Shanghai restaurant and asked to identify exotic dishes. Could this one be turtle? Or badger? No, it's

tiger, actually. A Bengal tiger was then led into the restaurant. Instead of throwing up in disgust. the three female celebrities faked panic in a cutesy, girly, game-show way. The only thing in this scene which looked the least bit dignified was the tiger.

When Siephen Tompkinson reached Bangkok in Great Railway Journeys (BBC2), he made a traditional gesture at a market stall of paying to release a caged bird - a popular Zen form of earning celestial credits. "It's a nice idea," said Tompkinson, who makes a jolly travelling companion providing you can stop him breaking into song, "even if the birds are caught and caged specially to be sold to the likes of me."

This is a near form of recycling. but I'm not sure it's quite what Charles Lane had in mind when he advocated getting the local people personally and financially involved in caring for wildlife.

6.00am Business Breakfast (11649) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (64668) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (9236858)

9.45 Style Challenge (r) (8807378) .0.10 The Vanessa Show (1) (1641741) 0.55 News; Weather (T) (9108755) (-1.00 Change That (9185804) * 1,25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9188991) 15-1.55 News: Weather (T) (6742674)

4/2.00 Going for a Song (8530561) 2.25pm Wipeout (5580246) 2.250 The Weather Show (T) (76085823) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (67755) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (58162668) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (16313465)

2.05 Ironside (r) (1201623) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (2277378) 3.25 Children's BBC: Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch (8607262) 3.45 Starhall Ponies (4313674) 3.50 Hububb (7201674) 4.10 The Adventures of Shirley Holmes (7463484) 4.35 The Demon Headmaster (7602007) 5.00 Newsround (5634804) 5.10 Blue Peter (2568303)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (266378) 6.00 Six O'Clock News: Weather (T) (910) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (262)



Craig Doyle travels to the Island of Phuket in Thailand (7pm)

7.00 Holiday on a Shoestring Craig Doyle explores the Thai island of Phuket and Fenella George finds a golfer's paradise in Marbella. Plus, Tunisia and London's

theatres (T) (1787) 7.30 DIY SOS Lowri Turner and Nick Knowles rescue DIY bodgers (T) (674) 8.00 Tomorrow's World Peter Snow and Philippa Fortester launch the Babies of the Millennium series, which will track children born at the start of the next

century (T) (662216) 8.50 The National Lottery: Greatest Hits with Angela Griffin (T) (856378)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (4638) 9.29 National Lottery Update (907755) 9.30 Only Fools and Horses Rodney and

Albert begin to worry that the flat will get a bit overcrowded once Raquel and Del's baby arrives (r) (T) (968484) 0.20 Designer Babies Investigation into the possible consequences of developments in genetic engineering (T) (198303)

1.10 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross Preview of the Baftas (T) (722674) 1.40 School Ties (1992) A Jewish student enrols at an elife high school where he is met by anti-Semitic opposition from a

group of bigots. With Chris O'Donnell. Directed by Robert Mandel (T) (801216) 1.20am Weather (5815392) 1.25 BBC News 24 (72734243)

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7.00am Children's BBC Breeklast Show: Polka Dot Shorts (5562620) · 7.10 The Silver Brumby (9191674) 7.35 Top Cat (8450910) 7.55 Bots Master (8461026) 8.20 Buned Treasure (8176397) 8.40 Trading Places (9416303) 9.08 Rewind (3394649) 9.10 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (7144804) 9.35 Student Bodies (8609736) 10.00 Teletubides (17216) 10.30 FILM: Call of the Wild (20401858) 12.05pm The Roadshow Collection (1780084) 12.30 Working Lunch (77571)

1.00 Brum (38460945) 1.10 The Laisure Hour (I) (1906649) 2.10 Racing from Ascot Coverage of the 2.30 Altied Bank Handicap Steeple-chase, 3.05 Grosvanor Casinos Long Distance Hurdle, and the 3.40 Grosveno

Casinos Partnership Parade Handicap Hurdla (326303) 3.55 News; Weather (T) (7277465) 4.00 Kaye Advice show (7287842)

4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (7360129) 4.55 Esther (r) (T) (9489939)

5.30 Whose House? (939) 6.00 Star Trek; The Next Generation Part one. An explosion blasts Data back to the 1880s (r) (T) (195668)

6.45 Radical Highs Extreme sports magazine (r) (T) (157804) 7.00 Golf 1999 US Mesters preview (8939) 7.30 Sophie Grigson's Herbs A cheese-filled savoury tart with chives, onions and garlic (T) (216)

8.00 House Detectives The tranbridge (5/6) (T) (2277) 8.30 Looking Good The team look into the new technology behind virtual shopping. Last in series (T) (6194)

9.00 Knowing Me, Knowing Yule Chat show host Alan Partridge (Steve Coogan) throws a house party, set in a replica of his Norwich home (r) (1) (989736)



Louis Theroux investigates the American porn industry (9.40pm)

9.40 Louis Therotor's Weird Weekends The intrepid reporter delves into America's pom industry (r) (T) (223823) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (352194)

11.18 Video Nation Shorts (T) (424200) 11.20 The Battle for Congress First in a two-part documentary following two candidates as they compete for a seat in Congress during 1998 (1/2) (394151) 12.00 The Phil Silvers Show Dick Van Dyke

12.25am Weather (2399682) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Food: Whose Choice is it Anyway? 1.00 Healing the Whole 1.30 Healthy Futures: Whose Views Count? 2.00 GCSE Bitesize Revision - German 4.00 Languages: Espana Viva! 5.00 Business and Training: So You Want to Work in Social Care? 5.30 Creating an Effective Team 5.45 Open University: Easing the Pain 6.10 Pathfinding in the Brain 6.35

sonal Affective Disorder

HTV 5.30am ITV Morning News (57939)

6.00 GMTV (2006688) 9.25 CITV: Tiny Toon Adventures (7169113) 9.50 The Fantastic Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor (7185194) 10.15 Bugs Burny (7447007)

10.25 ITV News Headlines (T); HTV News (2275910)10.30 Slam Dunk Ernest (1995) The haple Ernest is back, this time taking to the basketbell court with a pair of magic

shoes. Comedy, starring Jim Varney, Directed by John Cherry (49366007) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7212991) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (1) (2916945) 12.55 Shortland Street Guy stands up to

Carmen (1902823) 1.30 Lie Detector Dominic Green invites viewers whose triends or family suspect them of lying to undergo tests to find out (T) (16319649)

1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous talk show (T) (5277007) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (T) (2266262) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (5047858)

3.15 HTV News (T) (5046129) 3.20 CTTV: Mopatop's Shop (5954194) 3.30 Teddybears (5711200) 3.40 Jurranii (2697397) 4.05 Hey Amoldi (7261804) 4.35 Wildtrack (7793303)

5.00 Lie Detector (r) (T) (8129) 5.30 WEST: Live and Local Reports from 5.30 WALES: Up Best Pop culture (1) (465) 5.58 HTV Weather (101945) 6.00 HTV News (T) (378)

6.26 HTV Crimestoppers (546129) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (858) 7.00 Coronation Street Curty takes pity on Tyrone (T) (5465)

7.30 THEICE The Big Match — Live! Manchester United v Juventus (kick-off 7.45pm) (T) (14144007)



The survivors of the catastrophe set about rebuilding their lives (9.45pm)

9.45 The Last Train New six-part drama series set in the aftermath of a huge asteroid collision that destroys human civilisation (1/6) (T) (779281)

10.45 The Big Match Update News of the European Cup semi-finals (279552) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (919668) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (804397) 11.30 The Big Match Highlights of tonight's European Cup semi-finals (84674)

12.30am Manhunt: The Search for the Night Stalker (TVM 1989) Fact-based chiller recounting the police investigation that led to the arrest of a serial killer terrorising California. Richard Jordan stars. Directed by Bruce Seth Green (115392)

2.15 The Big Match Dynamo Kiev v Bayern Munich (247392) 4.05 Footbell Extra Football League highlights (r) (2934514) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (91514)

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1.35 The Three Stooges (r) (95378736) 1.55 It Always Rains on Sunday (1947) A convict is forced to shack up with his married mistress while on the run from

the police. With Google Withers. Directed by Robert Harner (T) (21838858) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (736) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (571) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7792674)

4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (9474007)



James Van Der Beek stars as the

6.00 Dawson's Creek Jen and Vincent have their first date and Andy reveals a terrible family secret to Pacey, while Dawson's parents' marriage seems to heve reached the end of the line (T) (827755) 6.55 T4orce A choice selection of the best

bits from last week's T4 (884571) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (563945) 7.55 Dovetales Insight into how the Good Friday peace agreement has affected tourism in Northern Ireland (1) (459874)

8.00 Broaksida (T) (2755) 8.30 Doors to Manual Three view for a weekend in Berlin (6/6) (T) (1262) 9.00 CROICE ER Carter tries in vain to save a teenager's life, then

persuade his grieving mother to sanction organ donation (T) (7552) 10.00 CEDICE Sex and the City Mranda rejects celibacy (1) (45484) 10,30 Michael Moore: The Awful Truth Reports from the US (T) (21804) 11,00 The 11 O'Clock Show (8533)

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12.45 Football Italia — Mezzanotte Serie A action (12595798) 3.05 Trans World Sport (2346359) 4.05 Electric Avenue (1/4) (r) (T) (42399507) 4.30 Buildog Drummond Strikes Back

(1934) The ex-British Army officer's honeymoon is interrupted by a murder mystery. Adventure, starting Ronald Colman and Loretta Young. Directed by

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6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky Anderson (5030129) 7.00 WideWorld Part four. Maggie Philbin explores the island of Madeira (1) (T) (2980945)

7.30 Milkshake! (2778303)

7.35 Dappledown Farm (r): 5 News Update (4109216) 8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (8816649) 8.30 Witchworld; 5 News Update (8808620)

9.00 Hot Property (r) (T) (4843945) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (3247113) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6836397) 10.20 Sunset Beach Antonio fears that Gabi is dead (T) (4212571)

11.10 Leeza (3984736) 12.00 5 News at Noon (1) (8819736) 12.30pm Family Affairs Sadie shows off her-cookery skills (r) (T): 5 News Update (9932115)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Dylan rescues Jessica and Jasmine (T)

1.30 The Roseanne Show Award-winning entertainment show boasting provocative interviews and hot musical acts, presented by comedian Roseanna; 5 News Update (3953976) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (2110533)

2.30 Good Afternoon Daily entertainment; 5 News Update (8876303) 3.30 Johnnie Mee Gibson FBI (TVM 1986)

True story of the FBI's first black female agent, who battles prejudice to prove she can make the grade, Drama, starring Lynn Whitfield, Directed by Bill Duke

5.20 5 News (T) (59228397)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6107200) 6.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stories, including First on Five (6104113) 6.30 Family Affairs Gabby has a surprise visitor (1); 5 News Update (6195465)

7.00 Knight Rider Michael and KITT race to the rescue of an ex-glittriend wrongly accused of murder. David Hasselhoff stars (r) (2019113)

7.25 Russell Grant's star-gazer visits the Canton of Bern in Switzerland (1612129)

of spiders' webs (T); 5 News Update (2671649) 6.05 Another Woman (TVM 1994) A woman

is left for dead in an alley after a brutal attack but miraculously survives unwittingly sperking off a series of events which put her estranged husband in grave danger. Drama, with Justine Bateman, Peter Outerbridge and Kenneth Walsh. Directed by Alan Smythe (T): 5 News Update (10303804)

10.00 Blind Fury (1989) Adventure about a blind ninja wamor out to bring down the ruthless mo: stars who kidnapped his friend's son. Rutger Hauer stars. Directed by Phillip Noyce (8478587)

11.35 Not the Jack Docherty Show With Jack Dee (7742465) 12.15am UK Raw (7/10) (9481682)

12.45 Live and Dangerous Jonathan Gould and Todd Macklin present live coverage of. a top US baseball game, plus Australian Rules (cotball (60648779) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6901779)

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SKY CINEMA 4.00pm Sons of the Desert (1933) (7423937) 8.00 Yarasin and the Green Goddoss (1938) (80821820) 7.15 My Fair Lady (1964) (48786533) 10.00 Zardoz (1974) (7724910) 11.50 The Bewedy Adventures of Tom Jones (1976) (1873796) 1.25sm Tires Hours to KB (1954) (13949137) 2.45 The Rainbow (1983) (2451224) 4.40 Anne of Green Gables (1934) (23150514)

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Juventus earn Ferguson's respect before European Cup semi-final

United prepare to settle score

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THOMAS HEARNS and the players of Juventus arrived in Manchester yesterday from the different worlds of Detroit and Turin. They had one thing in common. Both found themselves in the unfamiliar position of being consigned to the undercard.

One has come to support a Prince, the others to try to break the hearts of the men who would sacrifice everything else to be kings of Europe. They may be in decline, but that is why they are so dangerous. In their own fields, they are still hit-men, still deadly if underestimated.

As their powers fade, Juventus have made a speciality of striking just when their oppo-nents thought that they had breathed their last. Tune and again, they seem to survive against the odds, qualifying by squeezing through the narrowest of mathemadical loopholes. edging through with implausibly late equalisers

They managed to finish top of group B in the league stages of this season's European

Fines threat to players... Ferguson returns...

Cup, even though they only won one match — and that was their last. In the quarter-finals, they were on the brink of elimination to Olympiakos in Greece when Antonio Conte scored minutes from the end to send them through by the narrowest of margins.

No wonder Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, looked grave and earnest yesterday. He knows Juventus well, respects them above all other European sides for their pedigree, their consistency and for the fact that they are on the verge of appearing in their fourth successive European Cup final.

Behind their tales of vulnerability and the fact that they are adrift in mid-table in Serie A. there lurks something grizzly and hard-bitten at the heart of Juventus, an instinct for knowing how to avoid defeat that

cannot be beaten our of them. Thus, while Ferguson was, quite rightly, optimisoc about his team's chances of making a good start by beating them in the first leg of their Europe-an Cup semi-final at Old

Ferguson allows himself a rare smile yesterday as he contemplates the size of United's task against Juventus in the European Cup semi-final first leg at Old Trafford tonight

Trafford tonight, his words exuded caution and respect.

There were no jokes about Italian duplicity this time, no no mind games about diving and scheming, as there had been in the run-up to the matches against Internazionale last month. This time, it's

This time, too, United are ready; sure that they have no reason to feel overawed against the side that has become their measuring stick. If they beat Juventus, the team that has exposed their

deficiencies so brutally in the past, they will feel that neither Bayern Munich nor Dynamo Kiev will hold any terrors for

petition two years ago. United played the timid first formers to the Juventus version of Gripper, the school bully. Now, fitter, meaner, stronger and more experienced, United have got the wherewithal to strike back.

It appears that they have a full squad to choose from, that Ryan Giggs will take his place on the left wing and Jaap Stam his in the centre of defence. The only real doubt surrounds the choice of Henning Berg or Ronny Johnsen to partner the Dutchman.

"If we have a good start to the game, if we settle into it well, I think we have a fabulous chance," Ferguson said. 'It is never easy in semi-finals. You can make them easy or hard. We hope that the experience we have gathered

When they met in this com-.) D Beckham, R Keane, P Scholes, R Gloss A Cole, D Yorke JUVENTUS (4-1-1-1)

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Referee: M Diaz Vega (Spain) Kick off: 7.45 TV: Live coverage, ITV, from 7.30.

RADIO: live coverage from both semi-finals Radio 5 Live because we will need that experience against Juventus.

The spirit of the team is fantastic. We have proved our quali-We have just to take that final step where we don't want to disappoint in a game like this. We have played them four times now and I think that will help. "The important thing is to

meet the challenge - and we have got a real challenge tomorrow. It is going to be a great game. The priority is to score goals and we won't change our style that way. I don't think Juventus are expecting us to change, either.

so we won't be disappointing anyone.
They will be thinking about what I am going to do with my team and I have given my selection a lot of thought. Hopefully, I have got not had the reputation of being defensively technical and I don't think we are particularly good at that, but you can make sure that you have

the right type of players in the right areas of the field that can match their best players. "I don't think you can underestimate the value of their experience. They know how not to lose games. They have got the experience not to lose their heads. They have scored two or three late goals in this competition this season, but it is not necessarily a good situation to be in. Sometimes, it runs out for you. Sometimes, even experience can't get you

Ferguson spoke for the rest of his team when he admitted his relief at the absence of Alessandro Del Piero, victim to a long-term knee injury. United will have to face Zinedine

Zidane, but the man who is officially the world's best player is not fully fit.

Ferguson brushed aside man's fitness, wary of becoming embroiled in another spat about gamesmanship, determined to offer nothing but respect even when an Italian journalist invited him to repeal his opinions about their Machiavellian tendencies.

You get so serious about these things," Ferguson said.
"It was just a bit of fun, but it obviously upset someone. You want to know what I think, but do you want to pay my

FA charges **Fowler** over his latest prank

By Stephen Wood

ROBBIE FOWLER was yesterday charged with misconduct by the Football Association for the second time in less than three months. Already facing an FA hearing on Friday concerning his contretemps with Graeme Le Saux, the Chelsea defender, Fowler now has to answer to the authorities over the controversial goal celebration that he indulged in last weekend.

Only now can the implica-tions of his "heat of the moment" prank, when he appeared to mimic the actions of a cocaine user in the FA Carling Premiership match with Everton at Anfield, be sinking in. To fall foul of the FA once may be a mistake, but twice in such a short space of time is foolhardy in the extreme

Added to the fact that Fowler's penchant for humour is potentially offensive to certain groups, the FA is unlikely to treat him lightly. Fowler has 14 days to respond to this second charge and, if he requests another personal hearing. then his exit from Lancaster Gate on Friday, after the Le Saux case is closed, may not be so much a "goodbye", as "au

revoir".
Liverpool last night said that they had fined Fowler "a very substantial amount" and warned him about his future conduct. The FA could also dock another two weeks' wages from Fowler's pay, which is believed to be around £30,000 a week. Moreover, the powers of punishment in this second case are limitless, such is the unprecedented nature of Fowler's celebrations.

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He has been fined £900 by Uefa before, for wearing a Tshirt in support of the sacked Liverpool dockers, but this is more serious. The FA could ban Fowler for five or six league matches. Although the two charges will be treated sepaccount the player's previous record if they find him guilty of the second charge. Thus, if he has been punished for the Le Saux affair, the repercussions for his acts last weekend

could intensify.

If Fowler is banned, he could miss the end of the season and, possibly, the beginning of the next campaign. Just as he has forced his way back into the England picture. his foolishness could not have come at a worse time.

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THERE was no doubting the By STEPHEN WOOD

news, even though the pictures confirming it looked attention, positioned sheepishbetween Ronaldo and Davor Suker, holding a me-mento of the occasion in his With a beige sports jacket, a

V-neck sweater and his hair combed over a receding hairline, he appeared more like a schoolteacher. In fact, Zinedine Zidane had been named world footballer of the year. It was tempting to check whether his jacket had leather elbow patches to complete the effect. but that would have been too

insulting.
His choice of outfit for the Fifa gala was probably handpicked from one of Armani's finest collections for, although he does not act like one, Zidane is truly a star of the world game. He is also feted as one. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, acknowledges the midfield player's quality and he will be wary of the contribution that Zidane is likely to make for Juventus at Old Trafford tonight, when the old adversaries meet again, this ome in the first leg of their European Cup

semi-final. There had been some doubt over Zidane's presence in Manchester, for the knee injury that he sustained in Juventus' last European Cup outing, against Olympiakos, threatened to sideline him once more. Zidane, the France international, has not played since that second leg in Greece and, although Carlos Ancelotti, the Juventus coach, was confident about his fitness, Zidane himself was more circumspect.
"I still have pain in the knee

Zidane ready to cross the pain

barrier in pursuit of dream

when I kick the ball," he said. "It means I will have to play through gritted teeth and there is no guarantee that I will last the whole match. But to play against United is so important, so I must make the sacrifices."

Zidane, therefore, will start

the match, the fifth time in three seasons that United have met Juventus in the competition. In the previous two years. Juventus have held the upper hand, so much so that they have advanced to the final. There, however, they have been beaten twice in succession, something that still rankles with Zidane.

"It is the biggest regret of my career so far that f have not won a European Cup with Juventus," he said. "Last season [when they lost to Real Madrid in Amsterdam] was worse, because I wondered if I would ever be recognised as a great player on such a stage. It

Zidane's greatest wish is to win the cup with Juventus

is lucky for me that the World

Cup came along when it did."
Zidane scored two headed goals in the final against Brazil to help to secure the World Cup for France last July. Since then, however, his form for his club has been indifferent. prompting suggestions that his global success had affected his attitude. "It is true that I did not feel quite right after the World Cup, but I know that my head is back together again now," he said.

That is what United are worried about. Zidane has every incentive to perform to his own high standards and so, too, do his team-mates. It is 55 games since their club was knocked out of European com-

Although their defeat to Empoli, the bottom dub in Serie A. last weekend would not suggest it, the Juventus team that walks out at Old Trafford tonight will be a happy collection of players. The internal bickering and disputes that characterised the end of the reign of Marcello Lippi, the former coach, have

Ancelotti has reclaimed the faith of the players for the moment and, with rumours abounding that Zidane might leave Turin at the end of the season, Anceloni means to waste no time in capitalising on their relative serenity.



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